



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
October 31 – November 7

DATE: November 13, 2019

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

1. Letter from Laura Shroder, received October 31, 2019, regarding 5G Cell Tower (Polk Lane).
2. Letter from Paul & Carolyn Newburn, received November 3, 2019, regarding 5G Tower by Calboro Drive - Concerned Citizen/Homeowner.
3. Letter from Diana and Brian Moss, dated November 1, 2019, regarding Thank you for City Council's Leadership.
4. Letter from Jenny Green, dated November 3, 2019, regarding Thank you for banning natural gas in new construction.
5. Letter from Diane Zarate, dated November 4, 2019, regarding Displacement of residents from Google Site.
6. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated November 5, 2019, regarding a 2nd BAUASI Public Meeting - Revised Letter.
7. Letter from Kathryn Hedges, dated November 5, 2019, regarding Alternative to Ground Floor Retail.

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From: Laura Shroder
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 1:13 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 5G Cell Tower (Polk Lane)

Greetings!

I am writing to express concern regarding recent construction on a lamppost which is 30 feet away from my house and is right above a grassy area where my children play. Installation of this pole has begun and is near completion but the **HOA Association** that owns the grassy area was never notified. The lamp post is located by 1070 Polk Ln, San Jose, CA 95117.

I am aware that there is a court order for the FCC to comply to make an environmental review before installing any 5G cells and I would like to request an immediate stop to the installation on the pole until the report is received and further research is provided. As a mother of two children and part of the HOA where many kids play in that grassy area, I am a concerned community member and request an immediate halt of this project.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Laura Shroder

From: Carolyn Newburn

Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2019 7:13 PM

To: City Clerk; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; Jones, Chappie; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; j.guevara@sanjose.gov

Subject: 5G Tower by Calboro Drive - Concerned Citizen/Homeowner

Hi,

I heard through our neighborhood meeting that a 5G cell tower was going to be installed on our corner. Please see below for my comments, and actions required:

- We did not receive a notice that a tower was going to be installed on our corner
- We are aware that there is a court order with the FCC to comply with the environmental review before installations
- We are REQUESTING the installations be stopped and put on hold until the FCC complies with the environmental review
- In our view of unresolved technical and health issues, we request that the city of San Jose adopt an ordinance requiring set-backs at least 300 feet from homes and 1000 feet from schools of small cell 5G equipment, and a minimum distance of 1500 feet between 5G small cell towers.
- We required that the public safety concern in the following line stated in the approved permit (quote from Verizon): "[5G cells] may exceed the FCC's occupational limit for exposure to radio frequency limits and an area that extends four feet from the antenna face that may exceed the FCC's general population limit for exposure to radio frequency emissions."

We request that you support our requests and stop the installation of 5G towers in our neighborhood and specific the corner of our property until the above have been address.

Thank you

Paul & Carolyn Newburn

From: Diana Moss
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2019 2:35 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Thank you!

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilwoman Davis,

We are heartened by the City Council's leadership to protect our environment and fight climate change by (1) declaring a climate emergency, (2) passing a strong building reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction and EV parking, and (3) prohibiting "natural" (methane) gas infrastructure in new single-family homes, low-rise residential buildings, detached accessory dwelling units, and municipal buildings. We encourage you to continue to take actions ensure greater sustainability in San José.

Regards,
Diana and Brian Moss

From: Jenny Green
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2019 7:07 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Thank you for banning natural gas in new construction

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Foley,

As a mother, I want to thank you for the climate leadership you showed recently by declaring a climate emergency, passing a strong building reach code to incentivize all-electric new construction, and banning natural gas infrastructure in most new buildings. I'm very grateful to you, your colleagues and City staff for leading the way to a healthy, safe and equitable future for all children. Also, Mayor Liccardo, thank you for testifying before Congress to support California's clean car emission standards.

As a volunteer with Mothers Out Front, I look forward to supporting you to take even more climate-smart actions.

Thank you!

Jenny Green

From: Diane Zarate
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 11:24 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
Subject: Displacement of residents from Google Site

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

As a retired City employee, I am disgusted to see how Google is displacing so many low income residents. It is heartbreaking to watch as people are being evicted with no viable, affordable housing available for them. It's unconscionable! If you want San Jose to be a City with class and heart, you must provide something affordable for these displaced residents. I expect more from you and hope you will deliver!

Diane Zarate
30+ years City retiree

From: bob tom

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 1:45 PM

To: Agendadesk

Subject: a letter from Blair Beekman. Tuesday Nov. 5, 2019. _____ a 2nd BAUASI public meeting.
Revised letter.

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Dear federal, state, &, local bay area govts. and communities,

I feel a good role for myself, at this time, is to simply ask, for the remainder of 2019, and into 2020 -

Is there a need, for a return, of a 2nd BAUASI public meeting process ?

And, how can there be, important, additional public oversight, for the several, BAUASI closed public meetings, that will not be fully connected to, the SF Card process.

John Lindsay Poland, of AFSC, has offered an interesting, low-key idea. That of, summary/meeting minutes, for the BAUASI, closed meeting programs.

A few words, or few sentence, summary description, of BAUASI closed meetings - can give the public, simple, necessary info. And can offer, both, the everyday public and govt., helpful additional thought, good reasoning, & needed oversight.

Phillip White, long-time project manager of CBRNE, and others of BAUASI, have had considerable worries, of an expanded CBRNE program. And, how this may effect, BAUASI programs, with closed public meetings.

A thank you again, to good beginnings, of CBRNE oversight & guideline ideas, and a developing BAUASI philosophy, of 'do no harm'.

To always look for, and work toward, good democratic practices, usually arcs towards, what is positive and hopeful. This is an issue, where additional oversight, should be welcomed.

This can be an important time, how BAUASI can connect, new ideas of accountability, & the use of SF Card, to the many people, of local Bay Area cities. And, their own work towards, more open, local dialogue, better democratic practices, and community sustainability.

sincerely,
blair beekman

p.s.

A reminder, that I hope it can become easier, for all of us, to begin to ask about, what has now been, several years, of developing good guidelines, dialogue, and workplans, at the local, state, and intl. level.

Its well intended, organization and decency, may be developing, important ideas, of peace, good reasoning, and stability,

This is a revised version, of my letter, from the week, of Sept. 25, 2019.

From: kathryn hedges
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 4:31 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Alternative to Ground Floor Retail

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I suggest that when developers want to build housing in commercial zoned areas or Urban Villages that they be allowed to substitute live/work housing for ground floor retail. These units would have a separate room for an office with a second public entrance separate from the common areas used by tenants. The tenants for those units would be required to have San Jose business licenses and be engaged in either a profession or freelance business where clients may need to visit the office (accounting, graphic design, architecture, etc.) or create art, crafts, cottage food for sale off-site, or other tangible items whose production is compatible with a residential building. There may be an exemption to the home occupation rules permitting 1-2 employees.

San Jose has very few live/work zoned areas (such as the Art Ark Apartments). Most residential leases prohibit business use, as the layout of the building makes it a security risk for other tenants. This would facilitate the growth of small businesses in San Jose.

This would make it easier to retain commercial use on the site without an empty speculative retail space.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,