

**From:** Michele Lew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 12:30 PM  
**To:** Michele Lew  
**Subject:** Item 3.3 on 11/19/19 Council Agenda

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers:

Thank you for considering a proposed ballot measure to increase the property transfer tax in support of critical affordable housing and homelessness initiatives.

The Health Trust is a San Jose nonprofit organization focused on building health equity in Silicon Valley. One of our focus areas is prioritizing health in housing, and we have a deep commitment to preventing individuals and families from falling into homelessness.

We collectively recognize that San Jose faces a homelessness crisis. We urge the City to invest more resources toward producing affordable housing for the most vulnerable in our community.

We encourage you to adopt an expenditure plan that:

- Conforms with the Council-adopted Affordable Housing Investment Plan policy to allocate at least 45% of affordable housing funds towards Extremely Low Income (ELI) housing.
- Directs at least 15% of the funds toward emergency rental assistance for at-risk tenants and other homelessness prevention strategies.

Sincerely,  
Michele Lew

**Michele Lew**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## Item 3.3 Transfer Tax

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Elena Shur

Today, 1:28 PM

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The issue that we are trying to address is not limited to San Jose and must be addressed on the state level.

I think it's fiscally irresponsible to build charity housing on taxpayers money in the most expensive real estate market, when it can actually be build in reasonable vicinity, in good weather-conditioned, etc. etc. for much less. Much more housing can be build and many more people can be accommodated south and east of San Jose. Recipients of this housing are not expected to work, in San Jose or anywhere else, so then why build housing for them here, where it's already congested and extremely expensive?

Here's an example of what is priced at \$236K in East Garrison, near Seaside: 3 bd, 2 ba, 1,330 sqft [https://www.zillow.com/community/east-garrison/2082115987\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/community/east-garrison/2082115987_zpid/) Meanwhile San Jose tax payers paid \$37 mil for 83 small units "Villas on the Park", which means \$446K per unit, which is not even comparable in size. Just imagine how many more people could be housed if we manage taxpayer money responsibly and in coordination on the state level.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elena Shur

**From:** Jolin Zhu

**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 11:48 PM

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**Subject:** Objection To Transfer Tax - Council Agenda 11/19/19 Item 3.3 Transfer Tax

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Dear Council Members & Mayor:

I am writing this email to you to express my deep concern about the item 3.3 listed on the City Council 11/19/2019 meeting agenda. I **strongly against** this proposal!

What you are doing is proposing to raise the taxes on a few and that the voters that vote for the proposal will not have to pay any of the cost, the other 5% of the parties would bear the burden.

Your ballot question does not address the fact that eventually the result of this parcel tax will **raise the cost of housing, will raise the cost of businesses** that operate the taxed levied commercial and multi-unit residential buildings, and that all of the costs will eventually be passed onto the general populace, it will be only a matter of time before the added costs are passed down.

If this ballot measure proceeds as proposed, it will NOT be fair, NOT representative nor democratic.

Please do NOT let this happen.

Thank you,

Jolin