From: Chip Peng
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:36 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Oppose resurrecting homeless facilities at the corner of Berbal/Monterey and Hellyer area

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

We have been home owners, tax payers and voters in San Jose for 20 years. We live in Basking Ridge Avenue neighborhood. The latest movement from the city on homeless camps in the south end of San Jose shows a complete lack of support for the hard working tax paying community. We are deeply troubled by this sudden decision of resurrecting the rejected tiny home proposal at the south end in 2017 while San Jose constituents are required to shelter-in-place thus shuttering their constitutional rights to assemble, protest, or be heard on this matter. This is outrageous. Our elected officials need to know they do not have their constituents support and we will remember this coming next election. We expect our elected Mayor to do better.

We strongly oppose resurrecting hopeless facilities at the corner of Bernal/Monterey and Hellyer area!

Regards, Chienhsiung Peng From: Fatma Elashmawi
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 4:38 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District2
<District2@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Small Homes near Bernal and Hellyer

Mr. Mayor Liccardo & City Councilmen, Hi, I want to let you know that I am against the idea of building small homes to house the homeless on lots near Bernal, Hellyer and Monterey Roads. Please reconsider this decision, I will be greatly appreciate it. Thank you Fatma Elashmawi Basking Ridge From: J Kinker
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:36 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Bernal Dorm housing

Mr Mayor

We are long time homeowner in Los Pasaos. This proposed site will be about a 1/2 mile from my house. The Covid-19 virus can be airborne for up to 3 hrs, How do you plan to protect existing residents. Along with the Covid-19 how do you plan to protect residents from the increase in crime and drugs. This is a Reckless and I would say Criminal decision and I Strongly Oppose this site. Jim Kinker

From: khush das
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:18 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; Home/khush ;
District2 <<u>District2@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: fastback homeless facilities at corner of Bernal/Monterey COVID-19 +

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo and Mr.Jimenez

I am writing this note regarding the homeless facility for people who tested positive for COVID-19... We voted for you because we know you are very capable and would represent the people in your community in a fair way.

My mom is 90, and I know lots of us living less then 2 min away from the proposed facility at montery and bernal ...and I myself are high risk, and fill gas at the gas station at that intersection.

I do not want, and won't stand by willingly to import this deadly virus in our community. We have the highest incident in Bay Area. No vaccinations...No PPE...no community wide testing unless one is already on the road to possible death and dying alone.

We do not have a national health insurance in this country that will take care of us if we fall sick. We have to keep the non infected well. How can we be safe when we cannot find masks or good PPE. Its a big risk that I am not willing to take.

If I get sick, I won't able to work, and I do not have a support system. This will end up causing more issues...

I am against it

Sincerely,

Khush Das Gulab Ben Das Nataraj Das From: Janet Mitchell
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:50 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: HOMELESS AT MONTEREY AND BERNAL, SOUTH SAN JOSE

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

I am sending this email to protest the relocation of the homeless to our neighborhood. We do NOT want this adjacent to our homes. As you must know, we have already rejected these tiny homes in the past. Think about it Mayor Liccardo, would you honestly want these in your neighborhood. Of course not. There must be plenty of places in San Jose where you could put these with all the wide open field and space we already have. You also should know, that what starts out as "temporary" - ends up being permanent.

So Mayor Liccardo, I implore you to find another more suitable place for this "emergency" to place these 100's of high risk persons in our area.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully, Janet Mitchell From: Mark Reno
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:05 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>
Subject: Homeless Encampments near Hwy 85 and Hwy 101 OPPOSITION

Attention Sam Liccardo, ELECTED Mayor of San Jose, Representative of those who dutifully pay their property taxes. 04/18/20

I have been a resident in South San Jose for the last 38 years. I am home owner, property tax payer and more importantly, A VOTER. The location of homeless camps organized or random in the South end of San Jose shows a complete lack of support for the hard working tax paying community that YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT. This is an unacceptable action and will be opposed by your constituents. It is obvious already that our local government is looking the other way when the open spaces are growing with homeless camps in the highway 85/101 area. Garbage is strewn everywhere. The homeless problem needs to be address and pushing out of downtown to the South end of San Jose is moving the problem, NOT SOLVING IT! i expect my elected representatives TO DO BETTER.

DEMONSTRATE IT.

South Bay Resident of 38 years, Voter

Mark Renollet

From: Olga Buyanovskaya Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:49 AM To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District2 Subject: Homeless facilities Bernal/Monterey corner

[External Email]

Dear sirs:

Our family is very concerned about the idea of constructing homeless facilities at the corner of Bernal/Monterey roads. Our family members have some chronic diseases like asthma. We won't stand by this decision as you willfully import this deadly virus into our community and our homes.

Sincerely,

Olga Buyanovsky Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Liem Nguyen
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:59 PM
To: district2@sanjose.gov <district2@sanjose.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
<TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Homeless facilities in Bernal and blossom hill

I am a resident of district 2 and disappointed of why this is happening again. As a community we're are going to work together to make sure these things that are on the agenda will not happen.

From: Rob March Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:36 PM To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo Cc: Rob March Subject: Homeless Housing - the Right Way

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo:

The vast majority, I have been told by homeless advocates, of Homeless Persons need medical or mental attention and a leg up to get back on their feet. Meaning all they need is food and housing and compassion and they will be productive citizens again or for the first time.

My work involves cleaning up the waste and damage the Homeless create - my observations are that the Homeless need to be moved into one large and fenced in area located in one of two rural areas of the State.

Initially - tent cities supported by large tent facilities for dining, medical aid, restroom and social areas. By locating these individuals into areas of lower cost, each homeless person can secure greater level of needed services and prevent impacting those in society who want to work and contribute without destroying there property value or putting at risk their livelihood.

Why your selected Housing Managers want to keep non productive persons in the most expensive areas in the country is not sound management practice or policy.

Stop the madness - work with Gov N to identify two areas on Hwy 5 and place all the tent or RV or and street people in these authorized areas. You can even create free drug use areas in these HTC centers so they can do what they want any time of the day - just don't put them in our neighborhoods or business areas where conflicts will happen and law / order is carried out at the Citizen level since our leaders don't enforce laws anymore.

Sincerely

Rob March

From: Manuel Reyes Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 5:17 PM To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; <u>District2@sanjoseca.org</u> <<u>District2@sanjoseca.org</u>> Subject: Homeless shelter in D2?

Hello Sergio,

Hope all is well. I bought my house 22 years ago in the Santa Teresa Bernal area. I have worked all my life to try and keep it. I have a family and raising here because I love this are. This move without the public's approval to Fast track a homeless shelter to the Bernal monterey area is very disappointing and unacceptable behavior from elected officials.

Sergio we elected you to look out and fight for our neighborhood. This move to bring the homeless here and put my family's life at risk. This is unacceptable and outrageous! You do not have my approval or your constituents approval to move forward with this dangerous plan to our neighborhood.

What are you going to do for us?

Los Paseos resident for 22 years Manuel Reyes From: Richard Longacre
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 5:41 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: mini homes

[External Email]

Hello, Mr. Mayor,

I hope you and your family are doing well during these challenging times.

I'm writing to ask you to please represent the wishes of your constituents by not allowing the city to build mini homes for the homeless in or around district 2, especially near the Basking Ridge Development. This is not an area well suited for either the residents of the community or the homeless.

I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Regards, Rich Longacre From: carmen davalos
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:19 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Note from Carmen Davalos to your Facebook Page Sam Liccardo.

[External Email]

Hi Sam:

I just know I'm very evolving in my community. I was looking for help but it was hard to get a answer. Since the San Jose flood in 2017 I was so impacted for this. My family are ok now thanks to all who support my journey. But now Im writting this email for asking for help for my sister. Since the flood she got depressed that normal and now she is a homeless. I contacted all the agencies and no answer. I feel bad to do this but Im very desperate for help. Now she is diagnostic with esquizofrenia and living in the street. I saw the new effort you have made for homeless, but how she can get that help that she needs.

Please I will be so grateful to get any answer. Her name is Maria Davalos. Please let me know. Thanks.

Hope you remember me Carmen Davalos From: Francis Crimi Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:09 PM To: District2 < District2@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov> Cc: Chaparro, Isela <Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>; Hemphill, Kelly <Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov>; Cranford, Sandra <Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Opposition to the Tiny Home proposals near our neighborhood

Mr. Liccardo & Mr. Jimenez - my family and I would like to voice our vehement opposition to the Tiny homes plan that is currently being ramrodded into our neighborhood. It is clear the Mayor & city council are using the COVID-19 emergency and emergency powers to push the ill-planned, under resourced pet project through to fruition. The Tiny homes initiative is extremely expensive and addresses a fraction of the homeless problem while bringing dangers closer to our homes. More specifically, the project fails to address the root causes of homelessness in mental illness and addiction. Additionally, the City has NEVER been able to demonstrate any safety & security mitigation for the Tiny homes projects. Where will these resources come from in our already overstretched budget and declining city services and quality of life?

Furthermore, by pushing these monies for Tiny homes pet project, the City of San Jose is actually HURTING the ability to help MORE homeless during the COVID emergency by not considering less expensive temporary housing measures that could reach thousands more of the homeless and directly address the COVID illness. The CIty & council have failed to show any evidence that thorough evaluations of other measures has been completed.

Instead, you do the wrong thing by putting your social agenda and political window dressing ahead of actually helping the homeless.

It will not go unnoticed that you using emergency powers, and the fact that your constituents are locked at home, to fast track a low headcount pet project that will last a decade past the emergency.

Shame on you.

From: Stevan Silva
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 8:35 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Please don't bring a homeless community with Coronavirus patients near my home

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

The homeless community on Monterrey and Bernal for coronavirus patients should not be allowed to proceed as planned.

Please let me add some details and reasons for my petition as I know we are dealing with a pandemic during this time.

I live in 38 Southpine Ct San Jose that is part of the district you serve. I bought my home about 1.5 years ago to live with my wife and 2 kids. When I chose to live here I invested my life savings to buy a home in a place that was safe and would be a worthwhile investment. I believe this community will thrive and grow with the additional investments that are taking place in San Jose including the +12k in property taxes I paid this year. In other words I want to live in an area that is safe for my children and won't devalue or become dangerous due to city / district initiatives that have not been properly disclosed to me.

Please don't allow this to take place near my home where my wife and 4 yr old son and 2 yr old daughter live. Please don't proceed with an initiative that the community has soundly rejected in the past.

In closing, my wife is healthcare worker at Stanford Hospital. She sacrifices her and my family's lives every day she goes to work to help patients. She does this knowing that although she puts herself in peril her home is a safe haven that she can come back to and sleep safely at night. Please don't take that away from her and my children.

I truly appreciate your service and ask that you please reject and discontinue the proposal to add tiny homes less that **1 mile** from my home. I humbly await your response and support.

Best,

Stevan Silva

From: Tina He
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 3:29 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Silver leaf park neigborhood petition

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Hi, Mayor,

This is Sliver leaf park neigborhood Wenting He.

We heard that the city is fast-tracking homeless facilities at the corner of Bernal road and Monterey road to home homeless residents that have tested positive for cocos-19 virus.

We won't stand by as they willfully import this deadly virus into our communities.

Thanks.

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From: Richard Lian Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:06 PM To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo Subject: Strongly oppose resurrecting homeless facilities at the corner of Bernal/Monterey and Hellyer area

[External Email]

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RICHARD L. Jean L. From: Pankaj Kumar Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 8:35 AM To: District2 Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo Subject: Tiny homes project

[External Email]

Dear Sergio snd Sam,

For the first time in 3 years we regret our decision to move here and keep thinking about moving out of California.reasons?

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This is not the kind of place I would like to live paying huge taxes to the state of California.

When governed recently signed a deal with motel 6 and others for 11000 rooms why do u need to build this in the time of such crisis in our neighborhood?

Many more will leave California!

Please think about us too!

Regards Pankaj Kumar Prachi Verma From: Deborah St. Julien
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 4:45 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: tiny homes!

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Licardo,

Thank you all your good work on COVID-19. I am a Nurse Practitioner and appreciate the shelter in place support.

In addition, I consider homelessness a public safety threat.

I am a resident I work at Kaiser San Jose and live in South San Jose near Branham and Snell. I SUPPORT building tiny homes to immediately shelter unhoused people. This crisis calls for emergency measures for the health and safety of all residents.

I urge you to support Tiny Home villages in San Jose!

Deborah St. Julien

From: Karen Keith
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:56 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Tiny homes

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, we have signed the related petition, we will vote for your opponent in 2024--provided we haven't fled the city --and we will advocate strongly against introducing Tiny Homes in the 95138 zip code area, particularly Bernal & Monterey and Hellyer. Karen Keith From: Nilam Ruparelia
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:17 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Chaparro, Isela
<Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Strongly oppose "Bridge Homes" fast-track program, specially sites in district 2



[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council member Jimenez,

Myself and my family live in San Jose for 15+ years, currently live in Basking ridge neighborhood in south San Jose.

We are hard working, law abiding, tax paying members of this community and city.

First, we appreciate your leadership and committed to be together in this time of crisis to navigate our community safely and emerge out of this successfully together.

However, we have all seen many crisis through our lives and seen all kinds of well intentioned government decisions to do something drastic and dramatic in the heat of the moment that prove to be bad in because it did not took a comprehensive look at potential outcomes of different nature.

Last time when city was seriously considering placing tiny homes on Hellyer avenue, within a span of two months, we had seen too many homeless people descending on our neighborhood littering streets, wandering in the trails and generally trashing otherwise peaceful and beautiful neighborhood. This was all just based on potential of a small set of tiny home to come nearby. We can not even imagine how bad it can get and how large part of south San Jose area that can be trashed when such tiny homes really are built anywhere in district 2.

So our fears are not un-founded. We have seen this tremendous downside of this and we are extremely worried.

This is why my family and I strongly oppose council decision to quickly build a small set of houses at large some of money AND most importantly place them anywhere into District 2.

And we we know that we are not the insensitive, ungrateful people just because we want to be able to maintain our lives created by our hardworking, peace loving nature.

We know your heart is in the right place. However, we ask that you find a solution that does not unfairly hurt people like us who work hard and pay taxes, day in and day out.

Nilam Ruparelia and Ruparelia family

From: Karen Friedrichs
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Chaparro, Isela <<u>Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: TINY HOMES IN D2

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Ms. Chaparro:

District 2 continues to oppose Tiny Homes in our district. A cluster of tiny homes on Bernal/Monterey is not in the best interest of our community health-wise, aesthetically, and is a bad choice for the homeless since there is no longer bus service to that area. D2 residents deserve to have a voice in this matter by public meetings despite the COVID-19 virus.

Sincerely, Karen Friedrichs D2 homeowner From: louie leftwich
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 3:50 PM
To: District2 < <u>District2@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo
<<u>TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; Chaparro, Isela
<<u>Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; jackymoralesferrand@sanjoseca.gov; Hemphill, Kelly
<<u>Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; Cranford, Sandra <<u>Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Homeless Sneak

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ALL THE PEOPLE IN DISTRICT 2 DO NOT WANT DISEASE CARRYING HOMELESS IN OUR BACKYARD. WE AND OUR CHILDREN LIVE HERE DO NOT DO THIS **THIS** WAY (and with our money), IN HIDING. HOW WIMPY ARE YOU TWO ? HOW DO YOU LOOK YOUR WOMEN OR CHILDREN IN THE EYE ? BOTH OF YOU NEED TO **MAN UP** 

## UNDER BOTH OF YOU, YOU LET THIS CITY BECOME A PIG STYE

Before you two, our city and streets never looked so filthy. Now our little girls and boys get accosted by filthy men defecating, urinating right in front of our children. AND this all started after you became the mayor, the councilman YOU CAN WAIT A LITTLE LONGER UNTIL THIS LOCK UP ENDS AND WE CAN MEET FACE TO FACE AND MAN TO MAN At a council meeting with voters and honest politicians meeting and discussing.

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Not like this is being done. Shame.

From: Pankaj Kumar Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 3:51 PM To: City Clerk Subject: Fwd: Tiny home project

[External Email]

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- > Pankaj Kumar
- > Prachi Verma

From: Suzanne Johnson Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:52 PM To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District2 Cc: District1; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; City Clerk; CouncilMeeting Subject: POSTPONE TINY HOME MEETING UNTIL ALL CAN ATTEND IN PERSON

[External Email]

MAYOR LICCARDO AND SERGIO JIMINEZ,

RE: D2 TINY HOMES AT MONTEREY AND BERNAL ON-RAMP

IT IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG TO HOLD THIS COUNCIL VOTE DURING THE BIGGEST PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF OUR LIFETIME. PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING AND DYING. OTHERS HAVE SEVERE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS STRESSES THAT ARE OVERWHELMING AND NOW THIS???

THIS DECISION WILL HAVE A 10-15 YEAR IMPACT ON OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BUT WE ARE QUARANTINED IN OUR HOMES. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS TO GIVE THEIR OPINION OR ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING ONLINE.

WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY AND GOING AHEAD WITH A VOTE NOW IS WRONG AND WILL BE CONSIDERED DISCRIMINATION.

YOU OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE, WHOM YOU REPRESENT, TO POSTPONE A VOTE UNTIL WE CAN ALL GATHER AND MEET IN PERSON WHERE ALL PEOPLE CAN EXERCISE FREE SPEECH.

PROJECT ROOMKEY WILL HELP THE HOMELESS THAT HAVE IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

PLEASE POSTPONE THIS HEARING AND VOTE

SINCERELY,

SUZANNE JOHNSON 4TH GENERATION SAN JOSE NATIVE From: frank maggi
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:54 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Tomorrows vote on Homeless

I implore you, as a representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item "8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California" in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

Frank

From: louie leftwich
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 8.2 20-489

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Frank

Dear Miss Jacky Morales-Ferrand/Ragan Henninger/Rachel Vanderveen,

This email is expressing my extreme reservations as a concerned resident of the Basking Ridge community (District 2) since 2010. I own a home in this community for more than a decade and a resident of San Jose since 2010 and have paid property taxes duly to the City all these years. This is regarding a news article in San Jose mercury news regarding building of tiny homes for COVID-19 positive homeless patients at a site in south San Jose (Hellyer Avenue).

https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/04/10/after-backlash-san-jose-drops-top-priority-site-for-homeless-housing-from-consideration/

I wish to express my following concerns regarding the concerned member in the SJ city housing council:

- 1. It appears the City is using the aegis of the COVID-19 epidemic to advance the tiny homes project for homeless people in the south San jose area (Hellyer Avenue site) without considering wide opposition to this project from members of the Basking Ridge community. Why is there no public hearing process being followed to understand the community side of the argument?
- 2. Back in August 2017, D2 council member Jimenez had authored a memo to eliminate the use of a city owned parcel (right across from the current proposed Hellyer avenue site for tiny homes) for the Bridge Housing Community project. Please note here that the Basking Ridge community members expressed severe opposition to this project through phone calls, emails, Nextdoor posts, Facebook comments, and petitions. Why is this back door approach being taken to introduce the tiny homes for COVID-19 positive homeless people at the same location one more time that was considered against the large scale opposition by the community at large? Why does this location in south San Jose D2 keep coming up as a potential location always? There are multiple open areas in other Districts of San Jose and I would like to know why they are not being considered?
- 3. This site is within a 2 mile radius of Rita Ledesma Elementary school. How is that even justified from a CDC guideline perspective to have COVID-19 positive homeless patients in such close proximity to young children and high risk seniors living in this community.
- 4. As a hard working tax payer and home owner, opening a homeless shelter this close will do irreparable damage to my home value and equity. Why isn't the same shelter being considered in other high value neighborhoods like cupertino and Palo Alto?
- 5. This site is right by the coyote creek trail and we already have numerous homeless folks as well as drug addicts polluting the trail/coyote creek water and harassing residents walking the trail. With a homeless shelter coming, this is only going to get worse.

We request you to consider all the above concerns immediately and remove the Hellyer site and Monterrey/bernal site from the proposed homeless shelter sites. We urge you to take an action that is favorable to the majority voice of the Basking Ridge community.

Thank you, Jagannath Hiremagalur From: Karen Uyeda
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 at 3:07 PM
To: Jeffrey Scott <<u>jeff.scott@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Cc: "Hemphill, Kelly" <<u>Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: CSJ's efforts to fast-track homeless housing for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Hello Jeff,

I am reaching out to you to obtain information on the city's efforts to fast-track homeless housing for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.

I called the Housing Department on Wednesday, 4/15 and was given your contact information. I called you and left a voicemail message. You returned the call within 15 minutes but I didn't recognize the phone number so unfortunately, didn't pick up. I called you right back and left another voicemail message. As I haven't heard back from you, I decided to send an email.

I am a San Jose resident and homeowner. I have lived in SJ for 50+ years and have lived in my current home for 29 years. On Tues, 4/14, a flyer was left on my doorstep by a concerned resident and homeowner. This is the first that I have heard of the city's effort. I have several questions and concerns.

- 1. What efforts are the city making to reach out to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the potential sites to provide information and obtain input?
- 2. Where are the potential sites that the city is evaluating for placement of homeless housing?
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- 4. What criteria is the city using to select a final site?
- 5. What is the process for making the final decision(s) on homeless housing site(s) and what is the timeline?
- 6. Does the process include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments? If so, how are questions and public comment being taken?

I'd greatly appreciate it if you could respond to these questions. I'm copying Ms. Kelly Hemphill of the Homeless Response Team, as I'm not certain if she or someone on her team may be able to respond to my inquiry.

I also plan to reach out to my District 2 city council member, Mr. Sergio Jimenez.

Thanks for your help.

Best regards Karen Uyeda

https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/housing/about-us/staff-directory/-fsiteid-1

From: David Nettemeyer
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Hadnot, Rhonda <<u>rhonda.hadnot@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Bridge Home Development - Monterey & Bernal

Dear Ms. Hadnot,

I am reaching out to you as a concerned citizen and homeowner in San Jose, District 2.

It has come to my attention that the City of San Jose is fast-tracking bridge home development at Bernal and Monterey in an attempt to house COVID patients. Thereafter, the development is expected to be utilized for 10-15 years for homeless individuals.

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Also, if these are expected to stand for 10 to 15 years after COVID has passed, shouldn't the city be required to meet all regulatory standards outside the state of emergency? It seems that the City would be engaging in reckless and negligent behavior by not following proper regulations for structures that they intend to utilize for 10 to 15-years.

If the City cannot answer some of these basic questions, then how can they ensure they are providing the best solution for our community?

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Best Regards, David Nettemeyer From: Scott, Jeff
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: FW: Please don't bring a homeless community with Coronavirus patients near my home

From: Stevan Silva <<u>stevosilva@gmail.com</u>>
Date: April 19, 2020 at 11:54:51 AM PDT
To: "Hemphill, Kelly" <<u>Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Please don't bring a homeless community with Coronavirus patients near my home

[External Email]

Dear Miss Hemphill,

The homeless community on Monterrey and Bernal for coronavirus patients should not be allowed to proceed as planned.

Please let me add some details and reasons for my petition as I know we are dealing with a pandemic during this time.

I live in **Example 1** that is part of the district you serve. I bought my home about 1.5 years ago to live with my wife and 2 kids. When I chose to live here I invested my life savings to buy a home in a place that was safe and would be a worthwhile investment. I believe this community will thrive and grow with the additional investments that are taking place in San Jose including the +12k in property taxes I paid this year. In other words I want to live in an area that is safe for my children and won't devalue or become dangerous due to city / district initiatives that have not been properly disclosed to me.

Please don't allow this to take place near my home where my wife and 4 yr old son and 2 yr old daughter live. Please don't proceed with an initiative that the community has soundly rejected in the past.

In closing, my wife is healthcare worker at Stanford Hospital. She sacrifices her and my family's lives every day she goes to work to help patients. She does this knowing that although she puts herself in peril her home is a safe haven that she can come back to and sleep safely at night. Please don't take that away from her and my children.

I truly appreciate your service and ask that you please reject and discontinue the proposal to add tiny homes less that **1 mile** from my home. I humbly await your response and support.

Best,

Stevan Silva

## From: Francis Crimi

Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:09 PM

To: District2 <<u>District2@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

<TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** Chaparro, Isela <<u>Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <<u>Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; Hemphill, Kelly <<u>Kelly.Hemphill@sanjoseca.gov</u>>; Cranford, Sandra <<u>Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov</u>> **Subject:** Opposition to the Tiny Home proposals near our neighborhood

Mr. Liccardo & Mr. Jimenez - my family and I would like to voice our vehement opposition to the Tiny homes plan that is currently being ramrodded into our neighborhood. It is clear the Mayor & city council are using the COVID-19 emergency and emergency powers to push the ill-planned, under resourced pet project through to fruition. The Tiny homes initiative is extremely expensive and addresses a fraction of the homeless problem while bringing dangers closer to our homes. More specifically, the project fails to address the root causes of homelessness in mental illness and addiction. Additionally, the City has NEVER been able to demonstrate any safety & security mitigation for the Tiny homes projects. Where will these resources come from in our already overstretched budget and declining city services and quality of life?

Furthermore, by pushing these monies for Tiny homes pet project, the City of San Jose is actually HURTING the ability to help MORE homeless during the COVID emergency by not considering less expensive temporary housing measures that could reach thousands more of the homeless and directly address the COVID illness. The CIty & council have failed to show any evidence that thorough evaluations of other measures has been completed.

Instead, you do the wrong thing by putting your social agenda and political window dressing ahead of actually helping the homeless.

It will not go unnoticed that you using emergency powers, and the fact that your constituents are locked at home, to fast track a low headcount pet project that will last a decade past the emergency.

Shame on you.

From: David Nettemeyer
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Cranford, Sandra <<u>Sandra.Cranford@sanjoseca.gov</u>>
Subject: Bridge Home Development - Monterey & Bernal

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Best Regards, David Nettemeyer

## From: Patty Fishburn

Date: April 20, 2020 at 8:00:25 PM PDT

To: "Liccardo, Sam" <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>, District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>, "Jimenez, Sergio" <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>, District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>, District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>, District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>, District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>, District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>, District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>, District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>, District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>, David Sykes <david.sykes@sanjoseca.gov>, "Hadnot, Rhonda" <rhonda.hadnot@sanjoseca.gov>, "Reed, Jim" <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>, "Ortbal, Jim" <Jim.Ortbal@sanjoseca.gov>, "Morales-Ferrand, Jacky" <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>, "Taber, Toni" <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>, CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Thank you,

Patty Fishburn SJ Action From: J Kinker
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:46 AM
To: Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Bernal Dorms

Dear Jack Morales

We are long time homeowner in Los Pasaos. This proposed site will be about a 1/2 mile from my house. The Covid-19 virus can be airborne for up to 3 hrs, How do you plan to protect existing residents. Along with the Covid-19 how do you plan to protect residents from the increase in crime and drugs. This is a Reckless and I would say Criminal decision and I Strongly Oppose this site. Good Day Jim Kinker

## **Tiny Houses - Communal Living**

Olivia Ratliff Tue 4/21/2020 7:58 AMCranford, Sandra

I implore you, as a tax paying, voting representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item **"8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California"** in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

For example, have the questions below been addressed and if so, I implore you to release the answers with the facts not fluff.

Questions on Tiny House Implementation:

1. Have the results been reviewed as to what has happened in Seattle, Washington before taking this leap?

2. Is this truly an answer or another extremely expensive band-aid?

3. What is the reason these are homes being located at a site with no services available to the residents?

4. If someone tests positive and they do not want to move to this commune, are they forced or passed by? What about their rights?

- 5. Is testing positive for Covid-9 the only criteria for residency?
- 6. Will others that are not positive be relocated as well, putting their health at risk?
- 7. What official medical body determines the acceptance of the tenants?

8. How often at the residents checked in case of passing (AKA death) or recovering and therefore no longer meeting the Covid-19 criteria for occupancy?

9. Are medical personnel on hand or assigned to monitor the health of residents to determine hospitalization needs should they arise?

10. Are residents required to leave the tiny house once they no longer positive for someone else to occupy that is Covid-19 positive?

11. If resident is positive and has children or other family members, are those family members housed with those testing positive?

a. Is so, then what happens to these family members if the infected person passes away?

b. If they are not allowed to move with the parent or infected person, what happens?

12. How are the houses furnished or are they empty shells that are furnished via the tents, etc. currently used by the resident?

13. What are hygiene facilities are available to the residents?

14. Will police patrol be increased to assure other businesses and residents are not impacted by solicitations for funds or trespassing on property?

15. Are there any limitations applied to the occupants? i.e.: curfews, monitoring?

16. What assurances are in place for the other residents for their safety?

17. Are the police staffed to respond to disturbances, should they occur to protect all the voting constituents in this area.

18. Will the residents only from District 2, and will each of the other Districts follow suite?

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Christopher Kalinowski

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#### Date: April 20, 2020 at 8:00:12 PM PDT

To: Sam Liccardo <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>, Charles Chappie Jones <district1@sanjoseca.gov>, "Jimenez, Sergio" <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>, Raul Peralez <district3@sanjoseca.gov>, Lan Diep <district4@sanjoseca.gov>, Magdalena Carrasco <district5@sanjoseca.gov>, Devora Dev Davis <district6@sanjoseca.gov>, Maya Esparza <district7@sanjoseca.gov>, Sylvia Arenas <district8@sanjoseca.gov>, Pam Foley <district9@sanjoseca.gov>, Johnny Khamis <district10@sanjoseca.gov>, David Sykes <david.sykes@sanjoseca.gov>, "Hadnot, Rhonda" <rhonda.hadnot@sanjoseca.gov>, Jim Reed <jim.reed@sanjoseca.gov>, Jim Ortbal <jim.ortbal@sanjoseca.gov>, jacky.morales-ferrand@sanjoseca.gov, Toni Taber SJ City Clerk <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>, councilmeeting@sanjoseca.gov

#### Subject: COVID - 19 DORMS

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Patty Fishburn SJ Action

# From: J Gill Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:55 PM To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Stop building tiny home in our neighborhood

The parcel on Monterey/And Bernal road.

Use the hotel rooms close to Downtown and the SCC Fairgrounds which is closer to services needed by the homeless. Not sure what the status of the trees that occupy most of the property will be. I thought it was illegal to remove large Oak trees because of their heritage value.

From: Manny Reyes Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:21 PM

Subject: Homeless shelter in SSJ

[External Email]

Sergio,

Shame on you for stabbing us in the back!

You have no back bone and now we pay the price of this dangerous shelter in our neighborhood.

You will loose my vote if this goes through. I am deeply disappointed how you shoved this down or neighborhood with the excuse of covid19!

Los Paseos resident for 22 years Manuel Lopez 04/18/20

I have been a resident in South San Jose for the last 10 years. I am home owner, property tax payer and more importantly, A VOTER. The location of homeless camps organized or random in the South end of San Jose shows a complete lack of support for the hard working tax paying community that YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT.

This is an unacceptable action and will be opposed by your constituents. It is obvious already that our local government is looking the other way when the open spaces are growing with homeless camps in the highway 85/101

area. Garbage is strewn everywhere.

The homeless problem needs to be addressed and pushing out of downtown to the South end of San Jose is moving the problem, NOT SOLVING IT!

i expect my elected representatives TO DO BETTER.

From: David Nettemeyer
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:59 PM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Bridge Homes - Monterey & Bernal

Hello, City Councilmembers,

I would like to make a comment on Sergio's response to District 2.

First off, I would like to thank the City for their response. All of the comments and emails that have been sent to the City in the past two days, and the eComments left on agenda item 8.2 (before it was shut down), come from concerned citizens in District 2 who do not believe their voices are being heard. This 500+ member group nominated me as their spokesperson, and we have so far accumulated 3,200 petitioned signatures from District 2, which is why you are now seeing a flood of opposition against this agenda item. We are simply a group of concerned District 2 community members with no affiliation to any specific association. Our concerns have not been addressed and our councilmember, Sergio Jimenez, has up until this point ignored our outreach. His first update to the D2 community was sent only an hour ago, we just received the email. I've reached out to Sergio personally as a business leader, a local charity volunteer and advocate, and most importantly, an ally.

As the spokesperson for this group of community members they are entrusting me with their representation, I will always remain respectful and openminded however there are many in District 2 who are angry and heavily oppose this project and their voices are not being heard. The outreach that the City, and more importantly our District 2 councilmember, Sergio, was supposed to provide was instead coordinated and spearheaded by me. We have a team that handed out over 5,000 flyers to our community in order to create awareness. We've also managed countless emails while maintaining a calm and professional disposition during a state when people feel isolated and ignored by their local government.

Here is an excerpt from Sergio's letter to D2: (I can share the email in its entirety if requested)

#### Who will live at the site?

This site will house individuals who are currently unsheltered. The goal is to prioritize individuals that are at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to: those over 65 years of age and those with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and others. This site is NOT intended for individuals currently confirmed positive for COVID-19, and it is NOT intended as a residence for quarantined individuals. According to the City administration, the Monterey Rd. and Bernal Ave. site will be a place for uninfected individuals to safely shelter in place.

#### - End Comments -

# This is in direct contradiction of what was expressed in the April 7th City Council Meeting. And I quote, our Mayor, Sam Liccardo in reference to this buildout:

"After a flood as we have encountered a couple of years ago. You put a lot of people in a gym because that is the quickest, easiest way to ensure they are safe, and they can be quickly served with food or other needs. It's a lot harder to do that in this context with a pandemic. And so, the idea was, could we start to look at funding sources to build non-congregant housing, that is essentially dorm rooms, perhaps with bathrooms attached, in a way that is very fast that would address the potential need for this housing for <u>COVID positive individuals</u> and others we need to get into isolation. And by the way that includes both homeless individuals as well as people who are living in over-crowed housing. Which is a huge percentage of our community after all."

# And

"But this is an opportunity for us to build in weeks what would otherwise take us years. And hopefully building several hundred units of <u>emergency or transitional housing</u> that ultimately Jacky and her team would decide, 6 months from now when <u>we're passed COVID</u>, exactly how we use it for what sub-populations in our homeless populations, Etc. "

So, my question is: Is this site **NOT intended** for currently confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals? Or will it be **mandated** that no currently confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals be housed here?

The City's choice of words is very vague. And by legal standing, you can say <u>NOT</u> intended but still house them there. Ultimately we are trying to confirm <u>is this mandated or not?</u>

Finally, I would like to make the councilmembers aware that this information has been passed along to the media. I am strictly here to do what is best for my fellow District 2 community members who have entrusted me with their voice. If the City refuses to listen to us, then we will find an alternative source that will.

We look forward to your response and addressing our concerns.

Best Regards, David Nettemeyer From: Murgesh Navar
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:12 PM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comment for 4/21 Council meeting

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1. This is a time of severe stress for all of us. Your primary duty should be to spend your time on issues that may reduce this immediate stress - reduce infections and restart the local economy. You must not add more stress to the public by raising controversial proposals like the building of Tiny Homes for the homeless. This is the time for quick emergency measures. The hotels/motels are not fully occupied. Use this space to place the homeless to provide immediate cover. Let us come back and debate the long term solutions when civil society is fully functional.

2. The city will likely start seeing a compression of sales revenues, and property taxes will follow if the economic downturn persists. No one has great insight into how the local labor market will adapt coming out of the current crisis. So this is not the time to expend time and resources to solve "yesterday's: big problem. Problems much larger than the current homeless may already baked in but not yet visible. So we must all wait for scale of the current problems to become evident. A band aid is best for now i.e. rent hotels instead of making 15 year commitments.

-murgesh

From: mi kim Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:18 PM To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Against tiny home idea

[External Email]

I am a healthcare worker. We treat the COVID-19 patient as airborne precaution patient.

Even though we provide the housing to homeless, they won't stay in the shelter always. It will affect out community and kids because they are coming to our gas station and grocery market.

Elementary school around the area is within a mile. The children will be exposed to covid and drug and other diseases.

I am against building tiny homes in south san jose.

From: Christopher Kalinowski
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:44 PM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: VOTE NO

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From: ken keller
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:39 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: tiny homes built by Habitat for Humanity vs Pallet

Thank you for all the work the Council has put into solving the homeless crisis.

Did the project consider & reject factory-built, proven cabins like Pallet's?

Has the project interviewed the occupants of Mabury to study if the cabin should be revised prior to constructing another community? It seems to me the Mabury cabins have issues:

One bed per cabin. It would be better to have day & night configurations. During the day, a person needs a desk & chair. During the night, using all the floor space or fold-down bunk platforms would allow multiple sleepers.

Put storage near the ceiling & outside.

With storage & bed on the floor, cleaning will be challenging.

No bathroom. I don't see a tablet that allows one to join a queue at the shared bathroom. This will lead to residents urinating in containers. Provide bucket toilets & a service to empty them daily. The bucket can be brought in & out. Perhaps one for #1 & another for #2.

No tablet for contacting medical, social, bucket removal, etc. services.

How will the residents be fed?

Including common area, the cost is  $73K/80sf \sim = 1K/sf$  -- the price of luxury housing.

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Karen Uyeda

Date: Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 2:53 AM

Subject: 4/21/2020 City Council Meeting - Public Comment on Agenda Item #8.2, Recommendation (a)(2) To: <<u>city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, Sam Liccardo - Mayor, City of San Jose <<u>mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, Sergio Jimenez - CSJ District 2 Council Member <<u>district2@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District1@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District3@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District4@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District5@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District6@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District1@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District9@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District9@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District1@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>District9@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>Jim.reed@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>jim.ortbal@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, Jacky Morales-Ferrand - Director, CSJ Housing Dept <<u>jacky.morales-ferrand@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>sara.fulton@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>ragan.henninger@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>rachel.vanderveen@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>selena.copeland@sanjoseca.gov</u>>, <<u>kelly.hemphill@sanjoseca.gov</u>>,

Jeff Scott - Public Information Manager, CSJ Housing Dept <<u>jeff.scott@sanjoseca.gov</u>>

Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to you regarding the city's efforts to fast-track homeless housing for individuals who are at risk of developing severe illness and outcomes from COVID-19 (over age 65; those with underlying health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, and others). Per an email from Council Member Jimenez which was sent on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m., the proposed Monterey and Bernal site is not intended to be used as housing for homeless individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. This site is proposed as a place for uninfected individuals to shelter in place.

Specifically, I have comments and concerns regarding the recommendation stated in agenda item #8.2 (a) (2), and I respectfully ask that the City Council consider revising the recommendation as noted below.

Agenda Item #8.2 - Actions Related to Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California

**Recommendation** (a) (2) - To negotiate and execute a second amendment to the grant agreement with Habitat for Humanity dated June 3, 2019 to increase the grant amount by up to an additional \$6 M for a total amount of \$11,100,600 to develop and construct an additional site located on Monterey and Bernal for emergency bridge housing or emergency shelters.

The need to take action to provide a means of sheltering in place for the homeless who are at risk of developing severe illness and outcomes from COVID-19 is clear. But the city must not forget that those living in proximity to the proposed site have a right to be informed of actions that the city plans to take and decisions the city plans to make that affect them. Additionally, there are legitimate questions and concerns and valuable input that residents have and which should be evaluated, addressed and considered before decisions on a site are made. If this proposed COVID-19 housing was to be constructed next to your home, would you want to be informed and be allowed to provide public comment before a decision was to be made? We continually hear the mantra "We are all in this together" which means we must work together and that we can't address issues and come up with the best solutions in a silo. The challenge is how we work together to make the best decision for our neighborhoods and city and community at large and to do so in the timeline required by these exigent circumstances. I believe we are collectively up to the challenge.

On Tuesday, April 14, a flyer was left on my doorstep by a concerned resident and homeowner. This notice was the first that I heard of the city's plan to fast-track construction of COVID-19 homeless housing at the Monterey and Bernal site. Additionally, it was not until this past weekend that I learned that an item had been placed on the 4/21/2020 agenda to request the city council adopt a resolution which specifies that COVID-19 homeless housing be developed and constructed at the Monterey and Bernal site. I have lived in San Jose for 50+ years and have owned and lived in my current home for 29 years. I live within 1 mile of the proposed site

and, before the shelter in place order, would drive by this location every day. As such, I am very familiar with this location and can foresee issues that the city may not have observed or anticipated.

# **COMMENTS**

#### 1. Monterey and Bernal Site Selection

- This site is very small and over 50% of the site is occupied by mature trees.
- The site must be made accessible for required support services such as medical, food, utilities (water, electricity, sanitary sewer, trash collection), etc. For example, a paved road/path must be constructed for support services to drive onto the site. This reduces the available area to build/ place structures.
- The site is immediately adjacent to high traffic roads the on ramp from Monterey north to Bernal west; and Monterey Road, which is highly-traveled (drivers use it to avoid traffic congestion on Highway 101.
- Due to the site constraints, only a very limited number of structures can physically be built here. Council member Jimenez' email states the site will likely house up to 80 individuals in a manner that is compliant with social distancing: separate sleeping quarters with individual bathrooms and shared kitchen facilities with limited access to a safe number of residents. Constructing 80 separate sleeping quarters at this location is impossible with the site constraints How many structures is staff proposing to construct at this site? I would estimate maybe 20 tiny home structures would reasonably fit on this constrained site. Council member Jimenez' email states the city council will vote on a resolution allocating \$6 M of HHAP funds toward the development of the Monterey and Bernal site. Hypothetically, if 80 individuals will be housed, the per person cost would be \$75,000. If the number of people to be housed is closer to my estimate of 20, the per person cost would be \$300,000. What is the estimated total installed cost per each person housed, including all required site improvements? This must have been one of the criteria evaluated and used to rank/ rate each of the sites that were considered. What other criteria did staff use in the ranking and selection process?
- Homeless encampments continually pop up along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks under the Bernal Road overpass, on the west side of Monterey Road, and across from the proposed site Currently, there is an encampment under the Bernal overpass and there is also an encampment on the proposed site as well. If utilities and other resources/ services (food, bathrooms, showers, etc) are provided here, it stands to reason that this could attract more homeless to the area and we could expect to see more encampments in the vicinity along UPRR. How will the city ensure this undesired outcome will not occur? Homeless individuals jaywalk and bike across Monterey Road at this location to get from the encampments on the west side to the east side of Monterey. This is a public safety issue/ hazard for both the homeless and those who drive on Monterey Road. Were these issues considered, evaluated and appropriate mitigation developed?
- If kitchen facilities will be shared, isn't it likely that residents will congregate in this location, which defeats the stated purpose and intent? How can this be realistically monitored and controlled?

A picture is worth a thousand words. If you have not been to the proposed site, I would ask that you have staff provide photos and video of the site and adjacent areas to give you a better understanding of the issues and site limitations/ restrictions.

## 2. Alternate Sites

I found an inventory of vacant city lands from July 2015 posted on the city's website. See links below.

In looking at this, I was reminded of a large city-owned property that was vacant for a long time and is currently underutilized. Did the city consider using a portion of the police department training center on Great Oaks Blvd as a potential site? If not, this should be considered and evaluated. This site is ideal for a number of reasons. It has large areas that are vacant. It has utilities and paved surfaces to place the tiny homes. It has easy access for support services. And very importantly, it has the ongoing presence of law enforcement personnel. The site can be fenced and physically separated from the rest of the facility. Locating a homeless community in a secure location within the police facility would definitely allay community concerns with potential illegal activity and

an unsafe environment associated with homeless communities, and it would provide assurances to the individuals residing there that they are safe as well. It would be an outstanding example of a city leading by example, similar to the Fremont City Council's recent decision to construct a housing navigation center in the parking lot of the Fremont City Hall. (https://www.fremont.gov/NavigationCenter)

- Vacant Land Inventory: <u>https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/data-and-maps/development-monitoring/vacant-land-inventory</u>
- Summary Overview: <u>https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=23963</u>
- Detailed Data Table: <u>https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=23959</u>
- Detailed Map: <u>https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=23961</u>

# 3. Other Options to New Construction

On Saturday, April 18, Governor Newsom announced that the state had reached an agreement with Motel 6 to lease an additional 5,000 rooms to house sick and at-risk homeless (Project Roomkey). Gov. Newsom also said the state is looking into ways to help city and county governments eventually buy hotels and motels that the state is leasing to create permanent housing for the homeless after the caronavirus pandemic subsides. Assuming the proposed Monterey and Bernal site can accommodate 20 tiny homes, couldn't these individuals shelter in place in a motel room? Why fast-track new housing when there are existing viable alternatives (hotel and motel rooms)? This gives the city time to obtain input from the community, which can be done in an expedited manner. Doing this would allow for some degree of public input instead of the current situation in which the public has not been allowed the opportunity to provide input.

The recommendation states the grant amount be increased by \$6 M (an increase of 118% over the original grant amount of \$5.1 M) to develop and construct emergency housing/ shelters at the Monterey and Bernal site. \$6 M would go a long way towards paying for the lease (and eventual purchase) of motel rooms. In addition, this option has a domino effect of boosting the local economy by creating downstream job opportunities, for example, the motels will need to employ people to clean the rooms, etc. We need to be smart and use available resources and look at economical ways to stretch limited dollars to meet the need. On many levels, economics being just one, using existing vacant housing (leasing and potentially purchasing) makes much more sense as compared to constructing new housing.

# **REQUEST TO REVISE RECOMMENDATION**

In summary, the proposed Bernal and Monterey site has a number of issues that need to be addressed. Additionally,there are other viable options which the city should evaluate and consider prior to making a decision.

Council Member Jimenez' email states he is committed to an open and transparent process, and he respects and values the opinions and concerns of all residents. He will be hosting a virtual Town Hall via Zoom with Mayor Liccardo and city staff to present to residents details of the proposed development and to hear directly from the public. We were told that the details of the town hall meeting are being worked out and that a communication will be sent out once the meeting details are finalized. I greatly appreciate this opportunity to learn what is being proposed and to provide comment. However, if the city council proceeds to take action on the Monterey and Bernal site prior to the town hall meeting, then the city council would be saying that public comments will not affect its decision-making on this issue.

In consideration of the above, I urge the City Council to

- 1. modify the recommended action as noted above, and
- 2. direct staff to complete an expedited public input process and report back to the city council with recommendation(s)

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Karen Uyeda From: Ramsey
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:10 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: OPPOSE: 8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California

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I am writing to OPPOSE this action to build a tiny home neighborhood in the clover leaf in D2.

This area is unsuitable for a multitude of reasons:

- Mobile homeless population is at risk given the high speeds of a 4 lane highway (55 MPH, often exceeded). If just one gets run over, there will be lawsuits against the city.

- No series including hospital, bus service, food services

- It's costly and doesn't solve the housing crisis

- The area is too noisy with cars speeding around at all times of night, it's not humane to the homeless.

- It's within half a mile of multiple neighborhoods -- my neighborhood and many other voting residents who strongly OPPOSE.

- I'm also concerned that homeless who contract CoVid will not be adequately cared for. And if a CoVid hotspot forms in the area and residents die or get sick you open the city up to potential lawsuits.

- We residents made our voices heard two years ago that we didn't want this initiative in this location, do not use the CoVid crises as an excuse to fastback this.

I implore you, as a representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item "**8.2 20-489** Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California" in the April 21st meeting until the City has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis. From: Hudson, Shanel
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:22 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Tiny Homes - Monterey & Bernal

We live about 1/4 mile from the proposed site of the tiny homes. We thought this was over in 2017, but it has come back and reared its' head once again.

My understanding is that the Governor loosened restrictions, due to COVID-19, which has allowed the city of San Jose to move forward with the tiny homes at Monterey & Bernal. In my opinion, the city of San Jose has not listened to the people. We are hard-working taxpayers, that worked extremely hard to get where we are and in an instant the city wants to take it away.

As I'm sure you know, this will bring COVID-19, crime, drugs, etc. into our community, not to mention a large decrease in property value. We have lived here since 1994. Ask yourself, would you want to live 1/4 mile from these tiny homes, or would you want your children or grandchildren to live 1/4 mile from these tiny homes?

You are representing the people of San Jose. What will this cost the City of San Jose going forward? How will the city provide security and service the area, and what will that cost be?

I implore you, as representative of the people, to stand against this and vote no on agenda item "**8.2 20-489 Actions Related to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant from the State of California**" in the April 21st meeting until the city has a real understanding of how they can fully support this location and provide the proper services to help resolve California's current homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

Shanel Hudson/Alexander Rivera

Shanel Hudson, CIC, CISC, CRIS Regional Vice President, Commercial Lines Manager NFP Property and Casualty Services, Inc. From: Hai Bui
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:41 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Costly and Ineffective COVID-19 Construction in District 2

Dear Councilmembers,

I would like to make a comment on Sergio's response to District 2 regarding his and the mayor's costly and ineffective COVID-19 construction in the District.

First off, I would like to thank the City for their response. All of the comments and emails that have been sent to the City in the past two days, and the eComments left on agenda item 8.2 (before it was shut down), come from concerned citizens in District 2 who do not believe their voices are being heard. This 500+ member group nominated me as their spokesperson, and we have so far accumulated 3,200 petitioned signatures from District 2, which is why you are now seeing a flood of opposition against this agenda item. We are simply a group of concerned District 2 community members with no affiliation to any specific association. Our concerns have not been addressed and our councilmember, Sergio Jimenez, has up until this point ignored our outreach. His first update to the D2 community was sent only an hour ago, we just received the email. I've reached out to Sergio personally as a business leader, a local charity volunteer and advocate, and most importantly, an ally.

As the spokesperson for this group of community members they are entrusting me with their representation, I will always remain respectful and openminded however there are many in District 2 who are angry and heavily oppose this project and their voices are not being heard. The outreach that the City, and more importantly our District 2 councilmember, Sergio, was supposed to provide was instead coordinated and spearheaded by me. We have a team that handed out over 5,000 flyers to our community in order to create awareness. We've also managed countless emails while maintaining a calm and professional disposition during a state when people feel isolated and ignored by their local government.

Here is an excerpt from Sergio's letter to D2: (I can share the email in its entirety if requested)

#### Who will live at the site?

This site will house individuals who are currently unsheltered. The goal is to prioritize individuals that are at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to: those over 65 years of age and those with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and others. This site is NOT intended for individuals currently confirmed positive for COVID-19, and it is NOT intended as a residence for quarantined individuals. According to the City administration, the Monterey Rd. and Bernal Ave. site will be a place for uninfected individuals to safely shelter in place.

#### - End Comments -

This is in direct contradiction of what was expressed in the April 7th City Council Meeting. And I quote, our Mayor, Sam Liccardo in reference to this buildout:

"After a flood as we have encountered a couple of years ago. You put a lot of people in a gym because that is the quickest, easiest way to ensure they are safe, and they can be quickly served with food or other needs. It's a lot harder to do that in this context with a pandemic. And so, the idea was, could we start to look at funding sources to build non-

congregant housing, that is essentially dorm rooms, perhaps with bathrooms attached, in a way that is very fast that would address the potential need for this housing for <u>COVID positive individuals</u> and others we need to get into isolation. And by the way that includes both homeless individuals as well as people who are living in over-crowed housing. Which is a huge percentage of our community after all."

#### And

"But this is an opportunity for us to build in weeks what would otherwise take us years. And hopefully building several hundred units of <u>emergency or transitional housing</u> that ultimately Jacky and her team would decide, 6 months from now when <u>we're passed COVID</u>, exactly how we use it for what sub-populations in our homeless populations, Etc. "

So, my question is: Is this site **NOT intended** for currently confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals? Or will it be **mandated** that no currently confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals be housed here?

The City's choice of words is very vague. And by legal standing, you can say <u>NOT</u> intended but still house them there. Ultimately we are trying to confirm <u>is this mandated or not?</u>

Finally, I would like to make the councilmembers aware that this information has been passed along to the media. I am strictly here to do what is best for my fellow District 2 community members who have entrusted me with their voice. If the City refuses to listen to us, then we will find an alternative source that will.

We look forward to your response and addressing our concerns.

-Hai Bui

From: Amanda Law Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:42 AM To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: In support of tiny homes

[External Email]

The homelessness crisis in San Jose is an embarrassment to our great city. Please approve the construction of tiny homes. The rate of homelessness will certainly increase as the pandemic continues.

We are a city by definition but we have so far to go before we have community spirit. Compassion, respect for all despite economic class- these are the areas we lack so severely.

A home provides dignity which leads to hope and confidence. Isn't this our civic duty to provide to those who need help getting on their feet? It's our chance to stand out as a city which sets an example for other cities. We are one San Jose. We need to stop regarding homeless folks as universally criminal, addicted, and repulsive.

Amanda Law District 6 resident From: karen mutsch Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:43 AM To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Tiny Homes on Bernal and Monterey

[External Email]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in opposition to the tiny homes in this location. I am a senior citizen and by putting those with the virus so close to my home it puts me at a higher risk. There is also no place for them to shop once they are well. It is not close to anything except homes and a gas station. Our home values with decrease and the crime rate could increase. I am totally in opposition to this location.

Thank you, Karen Mutsch

# Pallet incorporates occupant feedback

From: ken keller
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:44 AM
To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Pallet incorporates occupant feedback

----- Forwarded message -----From: Date: Tue, Apr 21, 2020, 8:34 AM Subject: RE: your shelters To: ken keller Cc: Brandon Bills

Hi Ken,

Thanks for your email. Yes, we absolutely talk with shelter occupants after they've been in our shelters for a while, and the overwhelming response is positive. We've used that feedback, as well as feedback from our employees who currently or formerly have been homeless, to drive the design of our shelters.

In any communities that have Pallet shelters up, they have communal toilets and showers set up along with them, so there is no need for bucket toilets or the like. This helps maintain hygienic conditions across the community.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or comments.

Best,

#### **Patrick Diller**

Director of Business Development

From: ken keller < Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:28 AM To: Subject: your shelters

Has Pallet interviewed shelter occupants (including recently homeless) to see what they like & dislike? Has this lead to any changes? Are any Pallet occupants using bucket toilets or the like? Thx. -Ken From: Katie Clark Alsadder Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:52 AM To: Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov> Cc: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Willow Glen resident in support of tiny homes for the unhoused

[External Email]

Hello Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Davis,

I am a resident of Willow Glen and I SUPPORT building tiny homes to immediately shelter unhoused people. This crisis calls for emergency measures for the health and safety of all residents. I urge you to support Tiny Home villages in San Jose.

The vocal "NIMBY" attitude I see among some of the loudest San Jose residents is not only morally wrong, it's a danger to public health, and I don't believe by any means it's the prevailing opinion among my neighbors - these are just the squeakiest wheels (and ironically, often of a demographic quite vulnerable to this disease themselves, and willfully ignorant to the fact that none of us are safe unless the most vulnerable among us are - including our unhoused neighbors).

Thanks for all you do, Katie From: Moses Chan Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:58 AM

To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Actions Related to the Temporary Sheltering Operations and Services for COVID19 Emergency Response

I am writing to oppose the building tiny homes to house the homeless at the corner of Bernal and Monterey Hwy.

I am a resident of this area and have a young family. I am fearful that these would bring more crime to our neighborhood.

We have a safe neighborhood with many young families.

There are no services in this area for the homeless. There are no bus services for the to work or access services. There is no where's for them to go if they stay here.

I am afraid for the safety for my family.

Please consider to relocate them somewhere else where they can get proper support!

Sincerely, GC Chan ?

Dear Sergio ans Sam,

We recently brought house in south San jose. We put our life earned saving on mortgage to buy our first house. We decided on this area for its peacefulness, and being away from downtown.

From the time we have brought this house there have been incidents of two theft in the houses right next to us. Crime incidents have increased drastically recently. **How would you feel your family, kids leaving .5miles close to a homeless shelter.** 

You were selected as our Mayor to represent us stand for us in tough times. You need to look at our kids like your own. You need to protect them, like your own. With homeless so near how do I sleep peacefully, or any parent matter of fact, without worrying about our kids, our life. If this goes through you will be responsible for sleepless nights of so many people.

This will reduce the value of our homes. People will start leaving the house and be forced to move out. Depreciating the value and most of us our not even so well off to bear the loss. People who has still a long way to ho to repay there loans. **You are also putting us in financial pressure.** 

Also what about our seniors who are living on their own and easy target of homeless **people.** How insensitive can we get by doing this.

We stand by building home for homeless **but you need to stand by not building it here.** There should be other remote areas, where life of people is not affected so hard.

Can we think of doing the same in areas like Cupertino, Palo Alto??? No right because there elected people stand as a strong shield for them.

## Let's see how you hold the fort for us, time has come to prove that.

Thanks

## Sincerely your tax payer and constituents



Dedicated to Preserving San Jose's Architectural Heritage

April 20, 2020

Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor & Council Members Sam Liccardo, Chappie Jones, Sergio Jimenez, Raul Peralez, Lan Diep, Magdalena Carrasco, Devora Davis, Maya Esparza, Sylvia Arenas, Pam Foley, Johnny Khamis

City Manager & City Clerk David Sykes, Toni Taber

Planning Building & Code Enforcement Rosalynn Hughey (Director)

City of San Jose 200 E Santa Clara Street San Jose CA 95113

SUBJECT: THE PRESERVATION ACTION COUNCIL OF SAN JOSE RESPECTFULLY OBJECTS TO THE CITY'S ONGOING REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF COMMERICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON ALL CITY RESIDENTS. CONTINUING TO REVIEW, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THESE PROJECTS POSES AN UNNECESSARY AND UNFAIR BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT VIEW THESE PROJECTS AS ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020 Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 which provided for the modification of statutory timelines for various governmental departments in order to aid the public in dealing with issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This order also addressed how state and local governmental bodies were to hold public meetings, post agendas and notices, and allow input during the COVID-19 crisis.

On March 13, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara issued an order imposing a mandatory countywide moratorium on certain gatherings and issued other rules to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

On March 16, 2020 the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara issued a second order imposing more stringent restrictions on the movement and activities of county residents. This is commonly referred to as the "Shelter in Place Order". This order also states that that individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to

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the operations and maintenance of "Essential Infrastructure" (item 10(c)). The order also states, at item 10(d), "For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions" as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions."

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 which issued new orders modifying statutory timelines for economic benefits for residents, etc, and new orders regarding how state and local bodies were to hold public meetings, allow public input during such meetings, and post agendas and notices regarding such meetings during the COVIDd-19 crisis.

On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a statewide "Stay at Home, Shelter in Place" order.

On March 19, 2020 the City Manager, David Sykes, and the City Clerk, Toni Taber, issued a memorandum entitled "Incorporate Current and Future Governor's Executive Orders regarding the Brown Act into City Open government (Sunshine) Resolution". This memorandum interpreted the portions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 pertaining to the method by which the City is to hold public meetings and allow public input, and post agendas, notices and documents. The memorandum recommended the City Council adopt a proposed resolution which was affixed to the memorandum. The proposed resolution modified the procedure for holding City public meetings and amended the City's consolidated Open Government and Ethics Resolution No 77135 to incorporate Paragraph 3 of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20. The proposed resolution allowed the City's legislative bodies to hold public meetings solely by teleconferencing or otherwise electronically, to modify public meetings, noticing and document posting, and to incorporate all future executive orders by the Governor regarding the Brown Act into the City's Sunshine procedures, as deemed appropriate by the City Clerk and City Manager, without further action from City Council. This modification of the above referenced procedures pertained to the period in which state or local public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

On March 20, 2020, The City Manager and City Clerk issued a Supplemental Memorandum entitled "Modify City Sunshine Public Meetings Agenda Noticing and Document Posting Requirements to the Brown Act". The proposal in this memorandum was that the city adopt a resolution that would provide that agendas would be posted 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours prior to a special meeting. The recommendation was that the city adopt a resolution that would not require it to post documents (such as staff reports, ordinances and resolutions) 72 hours in advance of the meetings. There is nothing in the resolution that says WHEN documents such as staff reports, ordinances, and resolutions would need to be posted. The City Manager's 3-20-20 Supplemental Memorandum cited the need for this resolution by stating that "emerging issues require quick action by staff to take items to City Council for approval".

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The proposed resolution was passed, with minor changes, on March 24, 2020.

Given the aforementioned actions taken by various agencies, and nearly daily updates coming from all levels of government regarding the public's responsibilities during a dynamic public health crisis, our organization felt compelled to address our concerns about work the City is doing that appears to be non-essential, and how this impacts the public. The thoughts and prayers of the members of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose (PAC\*SJ) are with our leadership and especially the front line first responders and medical personnel who are working so hard to save lives. In that context, we understand that "quick action" is necessary to deal with essential matters affecting the public's health and wellbeing as related to the COVID-19 crisis. However, it is hard to understand how decisions regarding land use and development in the City require quick action during a State of Emergency and "Shelter in Place" orders, especially given that decisions made today by a very small group will have lasting impacts for decades to come in San Jose.

During the State of Emergency and Shelter in Place orders, residents of the City are trying to work from home and care for children who are not in school. They are trying to help their children attend school electronically. They are trying to care for elderly parents and neighbors. People are dealing with technology issues with work, in paying bills and resolving problems with their communication services, plumbing and basic health care. People are cooking at home to avoid the issues associated with purchasing prepared meals. Many people are standing in long lines to purchase groceries and toiletries because of supply issues and social distancing requirements. Far too many people are dealing with serious financial issues related to job loss and payment obligations. In short, nothing about life right now is business as usual for most of the City's residents. We have been told by the Governor and the County's Public Health Officer to concentrate on keeping our families and neighborhoods safe. On top of this, because of Shelter in Place orders, PAC\*SJ members, developers, staff and neighborhood groups are not able to meet in person to discuss proposed land use and development projects affecting our historic and cultural resources.

PAC\*SJ's Board and members are committed to preserving San Jose's rich history. Until the impact of Covid-19 took hold, we prepared, were present, and presented comments at City Council and Planning Commission meetings, along with meetings of the Historic Landmarks Commission, its Design Review Sub-committee, all sorts of community groups. Our Board and members love doing this for our city. However, given the current threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, our leadership and members are now much more focused on serving the needs of their families and the community in other more basic ways.

While PAC\*SJ applauds the addition of any and all technologies which provide greater public access to the City's various forums, it is not appropriate for the City to take a business as usual

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approach to the consideration, discussion, and actions pertaining to commercial land use and development projects at this time. It is unclear how proceeding with these decisions contributes to public health, safety and welfare. It is also unclear why any land use or development project requires "quick action" unless it is exempt from the construction bans set forth in the above orders.

PAC\*SJ questions whether the City should be applying personnel and technical resources to doing research, issuing reports, and holding meetings regarding land use and development projects at this time, versus dedicating those resources to enhanced communications to the public on matters affecting public health, safety and welfare. And, the lack of clarity regarding requirements in the resolution for a deadline for the posting of staff reports, proposed resolutions, and other documents ahead of meetings makes proceeding with these type of agenda items even more egregious. With no posting prior to meetings, residents and groups are not able to review, discuss and decide how to respond to reports, recommendations, and other documents. In addition, while the City's resolution states that the posted agenda will provide "the teleconference and webinar access information by which the public may participate electronically" the resolution is woefully inadequate in specifying what minimum requirements must be met to allow the public to view meetings and submit comment.

PAC\*SJ members participated in the most recent Historic Landmarks Commission meeting via a Zoom Conference Call. It was an opportunity to connect for those who are savvy in technology, but not a comfortable way for many to engage with their City. The Commissioners faces were not shown while members of the public with video enabled PC's or smart phones were shown. Despite a really good effort by Planning to make access possible for some, too many others lack the equipment, and savvy to participate, literally leaving them without a voice. There is no place where those lacking equipment or savvy can go to be heard.

For these and other reasons, PAC\*SJ respectfully objects to the City considering and approving commercial land use and development projects while Shelter in Place and Social Distancing orders are in effect. Given the public's inability to provide the usual input and comment at this time, these projects will not receive the kind of review that the public truly deserves and sadly may be subject to unnecessary legal challenges down the road. In addition, it is unclear at this time what the long-term effect the COVID-19 virus will be on the economy and whether the demand for and type of housing, hotels, commercial buildings and other projects will change in San Jose.

If the effort to push ahead with the review and approval of projects is being done to keep staff employed, and/or to ensure that San Jose has shovel ready commercial projects in the queue when we finally get to a new normal, we understand this. However, we believe the City should stop and think about this in the broader context. For example, there is considerable risk that assumptions about commercial project financing may be incorrect. There is considerable risk that prospective tenants of projects may pull back. The potential for project failures is clearly greater now. Projects that go forward have a much greater likelihood of resulting in chain linked fences around the perimeter of construction sites with big holes in the ground where culturally significant buildings once stood. There is a risk that San Jose's Envision 2040 Plan is now based on assumptions that are no longer reasonable.

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Perhaps the City should consider putting its extremely talented Planning Department personnel to work on an impact analysis of this pandemic and potentially others to follow as it pertains to assumptions in the Envision 2040 Plan as to how much and what type of residential, hotel and commercial office space will be needed if some of the now temporary social distancing and large assembly requirements become longer lasting. It seems logical that a forward-looking City such as San Jose would want to apply its best minds to answering these and many other questions before going forward with projects that do not include consideration of what we are going through right now and its aftermath.

PAC\*SJ has the highest regard for every single person in San Jose's Planning department, from the top down. This is why we are hopeful that they, and the developers they are working with, will understand why we feel their work on commercial development projects at this time requires more, not less consideration. At the very least, PAC\*SJ asks that the City put a pause on the once normal review and approval process until we can all get to the other side of the immediate crisis.

Thank you for the opportunity to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

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