

Public Comment on 8.4

Public Comment from Carolyn Bauer AFGE Legislative Political Coordinator Mineta San Jose International (Jewel of the West)

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I am EXTREMELY concerned that the funding for code enforcement is being reduced by about 40%!! Now is NOT the time to reduce code enforcements and certainly not by almost 50%. If there is NOT enough grant money to do all the 'emergency projects' for homeless and other areas, then make a choice. Taxpayer money is all ready being spent in extremely large numbers and San Jose will go broke when residents can't pay the city more taxes. SB2 is all ready causing issues by raising the recording fees almost as much as a property appraisal.

#2 I see a decrease in the funding for neighborhood Infrastructure to the housing department. If I am correct, and this is going to finance the bridge housing or another area, I want to make sure that the funds originally designated for 'neighborhood infrastructure improvement' was for that reason. Don't take \$5.5 million dollars that was supposed to be to help improve my neighborhood (small businesses, streets, sidewalks, etc..) and put it for one of the emergency type of uses. Again, the State grant should be enough to cover it. I'm a positive believer and I believe the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara will actually be coming out of this epidemic in the next few months, provided you can obtain the amount of tests that apparently New York City was able to get.

Thank you.

Public comment from Jen Myhre

Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Liccardo,

I teach at one of our local community colleges and I SUPPORT building tiny homes to immediately shelter unhoused people. I understand that many people allow their fear and suspicion of people who are unhoused to color their reactions to one of the most pressing humanitarian crises of our time, but poverty should not be a death sentence. Fear should not win out over compassion. All human life has dignity. This is not a time for "not in my backyard" thinking. Protecting the most vulnerable in our communities is also a way to protect us all. There is no way to "shelter in place" when one has no shelter. The COVID-19 crisis calls for emergency measures for the health and safety of all residents. I urge you to support Tiny Home villages in San Jose!

Thank you.

Public Comment from Amity Bateman, San Jose Resident

Hello:

I am a public school teacher, parent and homeowner in San Jose's District 9 and I am writing to urge you to support building tiny homes to immediately shelter people experiencing

homelessness. Particularly during this current crisis, which calls for emergency measures for the health and safety of all residents, please support tiny homes as one solution.

Thank you for your time.
