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**From:** Kylee Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** public comment, Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Kylee Gonzalez and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color. We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police. In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

-Kylee Gonzalez

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**From:** Josef John <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** City Council 3.6 - Public Comment

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Rubber bullets and chemical agents should hardly ever need to be used.

If they are needed, I am requesting the burden be on the police department to justify with video evidence (verbal explanation is not good enough) the use of each bullet / agent that is fired. Authorization from a chief officer is not enough, the public would like to be able to review after the event if the chief officer made the right decision.

Additionally, only officers that have been trained and have shown a history of being able to control their emotions should be allowed to use these weapons.

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**From:** Elisabeth Correa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Elisabeth and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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A concerned San Jose citizen,

E. Correa

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**From:** Ami Mina <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Re: Question regarding Town Hall Meeting

[External Email]

Why is the investigation for Jared Yuen not already completed? It has been over a week and there was video documentation on what happened. What else is still being reviewed that a decision has not been made?

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 11:52 AM Ami Mina <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Directed to Sam Liccardo: the term was used by our Chief of Police "giving up that group" to justify the ways police are taking action against citizens. What are your thoughts regarding military terminology being used to seemingly justify the use of force against non-violence citizens?

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**From:** Maiya rodocker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Subject Matter 3.6

[External Email]

My name is Maiya Rodocker and I am a resident of San Jose, California.

I would like to first address Sam Liccardo's tweet on June 6th. "What happened to Derrick Sanderlin was wrong. Yesterday, I proposed a ban on use of #rubberbullets..." However, in the proposal made on June 5th that Sam Liccardo is referring to, he does not state any clear ban on rubber bullets. He not only fails to state a ban of rubber bullets, but instead calls for a review of SJPd and further justifies why/when SJPd can use rubber bullets.

Mayor Liccardo, you have made it clear you do not support defunding the San Jose Police Department. Your call for a reform and "review" of the SJPd may have been a convenient response at another time in your political career, but we cannot ignore the fact that Derrick Sanderlin dedicated years of his life to implicit bias training and reform of the SJPd and he was still met with violence. You're right about one thing, what happened to Derrick Sanderlin was wrong.

If it has not been made abundantly clear to you already, not only by the actions of the San Jose police department over the past week, but by the history of police brutality against BIPOC across the country, "reform" is simply not enough.

We will not accept you simply putting a bandaid over this issue.

Throughout my life I have watched education, arts, social services, and mental health care be defunded. So, why is it such a radical idea to defund the police and reallocate those funds back into our community? The San Jose Police Department General Budget Fund is more than Housing, Parks & Rec, and Transportation combined. This is not a government providing resources for a community in need, this is a government waging a war on its citizens. By reallocating these funds we can redirect them to community based models of safety, support, and prevention.

It does not need to be difficult, it is honestly just common sense. We will continue to protest until the needs of our community are met and our elected city officials are protecting every single person within our community, not just those that directly benefit from the flawed system.

Thank you.

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**From:** Kayla Cuvelier [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Item 3.6 Comment

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Thank you,  
Kayla Cuvelier  
San Jose Resident



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**From:** Anya Harkness <a[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Anya Harkness and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities.

We need to focus on funding programs that allows the community to receive help before they commit a crime. Crime is not random. It happens when an individual is unable to meet their basic needs. We need to fund programs that meet the community needs. It is unacceptable that a San Jose police officer makes more money than an SJUSD teacher. This highlights that the city's priorities are clearly messed up.

It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-at the expense of your citizens' safety and well being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. People's lives should matter more than property. The police should be working on creating spaces to protest, not attacking the protestors.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

I am embarrassed by the police department. The actions they have taken against protestors has made me ashamed of the city. I want to be proud of my city and proud to be from San Jose. It is completely inappropriate to respond to a protest against police brutality with police brutality.

The power imbalance between police and the public is unacceptable. That comes from the entire system not just specific individuals in the police department. Having that authority over people leads to the power going to people's heads as seen in the Stanford prison experiment.

Please consider using police funding for other social services and housing that would actually benefit the community. Be better, Do better. Use your power and privilege to influence and create change because the current system is not working.

Thank you for your time.

A. Harkness

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**From:** Kitt Ynchausti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Kathleen and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that the funding is reallocated from SJPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place does not have your citizens' safety and well-being in mind. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls of those across the country to their own city councils, and San Jose demands that the City Council defund SJPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this tumultuous time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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Thank you,  
Kathleen

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**Subject:** Re: Question regarding Town Hall Meeting

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Maile Naito and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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**From:** Yuki Umeda <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** 3.6 Strategic Support

[External Email]

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Yuki Umeda

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**From:** Yuki Umeda <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Public comment

[External Email]

Hi team,

Appreciate your works on this. And please stay safe.

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**From:** Sabrina Sordello <s[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item 3.6

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**From:** Julia White [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Comment for Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Julia, and I am a resident of Santa Clara and member of the greater San José community. I am writing to address Agenda Item 3.6 at today's City Council Meeting regarding crowd control measures upon protests in San José.

The use of tear gas is a clear violation of international protocols, and is banned in wartime per the Geneva Convention. It is an actual chemical weapon of warfare, and should NOT be deployed upon civilians. While justified by elected officials as "non-lethal," scientific research has proved otherwise regarding rubber bullets. Many are simply coated in rubber, still containing a metal core. And as we saw last week with Derrick Sanderlin, they can cause severe injury and lifelong effects.

San José deployed these inhumane tactics upon civilians who were clearly expressing their rights to peaceful assembly and to "petition the government for a redress of grievances." This is unacceptable, and the people will not stand for it. Protesting against police brutality only to be MET with police brutality further proves the overall need to divest from the police and invest in the community.

Sincerely,

Julia

**Julia White** (she/her/hers)

B.A. Peace Studies, Chapman University

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*"We live to serve another day, and that's a beautiful thing."*

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**From:** Corinne Ries [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Corinne Ries and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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**From:** Iszac Gaton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

[External Email]

Dear City San Jose,

I'm Iszac Gaton. I do a lot of volunteer work for the Asian American community. I've met Raul Peralez and Lan Diep at various events. Now I am calling on you all to defund the police. Reformation is not enough. Cops shot at Derrick Sanderlin, the advocate who trained them in bias. Clearly training isn't working. Jared Yuen has been a vocal threat to the public, yet he hasn't been fired. Our Mayor has rejected the call to defund the police because "rich white businesses will accelerate the hiring of private security guards". And yes, this will likely happen, but these are indicative of a greater systemic problem in our wonderful city. It's a statement that prefers to keep the status quo and not actually make our city a better safer place.

Resources need to be better allocated to services that are trained to directly answer to specific community needs. Cops shouldn't be the first to respond to a mental health crisis. Their ~660 hours of training pales in comparison to the training and study social workers have gone through. But these other systems need the resources and support.

Lastly, our Mayor said "safety from police violence is a civil right, but safety from ALL violence is a human right". By this backwards ass logic, safety from police falls under ALL violence. It is inherently a human right. If you truly believe safety from all violence is a human right, then you will recognize that the police are part of the problem.

Thank you for your time,  
Iszac Gaton

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**From:** Akshaya Premkumar <a[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting; City Clerk  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Akshaya and I am a resident of San Jose. Although, I virtually couldn't attend the meeting due to my work orientation, I am writing to demand for restructuring of the city budget. The SJPd must be defunded and the funding be reallocated to community resources. It is unacceptable to cut funding for community resources such as education, housing, and transportation when over 30% of SJ funding goes to the Police Department.

As other cities such as Minneapolis are calling for the disbanding of their police departments, San Jose which is known for its "progressiveness" has failed to denounce the police system that keeps failing the people it's supposed to protect. The mayor Sam Liccardo, has said he's against defunding the Police and the reasoning he provided is less than insufficient and frankly came off as uninformed. The San Jose community demands that the budget be restructured to meet the needs of San Jose residents who are already struggling and affected by Covid-19. Why is it such a crazy thought that tax-payers money should go to programs that target helping the disadvantaged and systematically oppressed communities versus the Police departments who as shown on the news and social media have been instigating violence against the people they are supposed to protect. And that is only one of the many reasons that the police are inefficient and more harmful than helpful. If crime rates is an argument against police defunding, increasing community resources and social and public programming have been proven to reduce crime rates and give communities access to resources that will help them prosper. We demand a budget that supports the well-being of our community.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

The duty of the city council is to listen to the community and represent our interests. When the whole community is coming together to demand for the defunding of the police in order to uplift the communities that have been unfairly and systematically suppressed, it is the duty off the city council to answer this call. Crime is predictable, and as the Police continually have shown that they abuse their power and target poor communities and BIPOC, crime is going to be inaccurately represented in the data. The SJ community and many other communities are become aware of this and we demand real change.

I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Sincerely,  
Akshaya

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**From:** Advaita Bhavanasi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:38 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Advaita Bhavanasi and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut the budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5 million into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken—at the expense of your citizens' safety and well being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

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Thank you,  
Advaita Bhavanasi

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**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6  
**Attachments:** 1.pdf; 5.pdf; 2.pdf; 4.pdf; 3.pdf; 6.pdf; 10.pdf; 9.pdf; 8.pdf; 7.pdf; 11.pdf; 12.pdf

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Please also read the following posts/screenshots attached below and specifically, the posts in which one police officer shares his experience and perspective while being in law enforcement(which are shown in the screenshots with the black background, here is the link to his whole article:

<https://medium.com/@OfcrACab/confessions-of-a-former-bastard-cop-bb14d17bc759> )

Regards, Celeste Afanador

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**From:** Gwendolyn S. <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item Number 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Gwendolyn Schimpke and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from the SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut the budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while over 30 percent of city funding does towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

I stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. Instead the budget allotted for the police department should be moved to items that adequately and effectively meet the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. The budget should support community wellbeing, rather than empower the police.

In the meantime, it is vital that San Jose ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must and should recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me, and it is time for San Jose to move forward in their job and duty in creating a safer community not just for the Black community but for all people of color in San Jose.

~ Gwendolyn Schimpke

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**From:** leiya kadah <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Leiya Kadah and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

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**From:** Lisa Aiken <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Lisa Aiken and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is also an outrage that a lot of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of our citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I also recommend the following policies that are proven to reduce police violence by 72%. Those methods are exhaust all other means before shooting, a duty to intervene, and ban shooting at moving vehicles. San Jose has instituted many policies already but the work is far from over. I would also like to add that we do not deploy police officers to mental health calls. I would also like to advocate for more educational training to become a police officer than the current requirements.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year as well as review the other policies I mentioned in this email. Public opinion is with me.

Regards,  
Lisa Aiken

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**From:** Rebecca Voss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Rebecca Voss and I have been a resident of San Jose my entire life. I am writing in regards to today's City Council meeting.

I would like the record to show that I am fully in support of defunding the SJPd. Additionally, I demand that the use of tear gas, flash bang grenades, rubber bullets, and physical force during protests be banned immediately. As many eye-witness videos have shown, it is most often law enforcement that has been inciting violence in otherwise peaceful protests recently. All of these methods of crowd control are always inhumane, and even more so when used against peaceful protestors. It is especially dangerous to put these weapons in the hands of police officers given that the number of domestic abusers in law enforcement throughout the country is significantly larger than representative of the rest of the U.S. population. It is a public health risk to give these weapons to people who are inherently violent.

I would like to reiterate that while I demand the above methods of crowd control be banned immediately, I also demand that the SJPd be defunded as soon as physically possible, and that money be reallocated and diverted to education, housing, and public health (as increasing these budgets will naturally lead to lower rates of crime and violence in our community).

Respectfully signed,

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**Rebecca Voss** (she/her)  
Syracuse University '23  
BA Political Science  
BFA Stage Management

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**From:** Samantha Lee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.6: public comment for meeting on police use of force 6/9/2020

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Sam Lee and I'm a resident of San Jose. The amount and severity of violence against peaceful protestors at the May 29 protests is abhorrent and unacceptable. After watching those videos, I cannot truly believe that the police are here to protect us. I'm asking you to reallocate funding from SJPd to social and public programming in our communities. It is harmful and counterproductive to uplifting communities to cut budget toward education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while over 30% of city funding goes toward the police department and \$5 million is funneled into golf courses.

Also, while I understand that Mayor Liccardo does not have the power to fire police, he can still put pressure to do so. Jared Yuen needs to be fired. Instead, the mayor and Garcia have defended him, saying he just let his emotions get the best of him. This is a lot more than just letting emotions get the best of him and it's so disappointing to see both of them make light of the situation. Anyone who goes in front of people who are protesting killings, who are hurting because this could happen to their family members or friends, and tries to curse at them and provoke them has no place in "protecting" our community. No one in San Jose should have to answer to him as a police officer. It's beyond "letting emotions get the best of him". It was hateful and it provoked violence, the very thing police are supposed to prevent, and showed clear disregard for black lives. Any police officer who isn't here to protect black people as well as people of other races should not be a police officer.

I'd also like to talk about Derrick Sanderlin. A beloved community activist in the San Jose community, he worked with the police on anti-bias training for years. And how is he repaid? Shot with a rubber bullet that resulted in injury so severe he needed emergency surgery and may not be able to have kids. It's clear that not only rubber bullets but also tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control need to be banned. City protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. You cannot just say "this is an unlawful assembly" and start blasting the crowd. Police did not even say why it was an unlawful assembly. It's clear they had no intent to truly communicate or de-escalate.

I also hope you don't think this is just a Jared Yuen problem because even if other officers didn't curse at people, they still participated in the violence. You seem to think defunding the police is out of the question which I urge you to reconsider. This was a problem before the protests too. It's been a problem, it's just that now people are too outraged to accept it any longer. The system in place is broken--at the expense of your citizens' safety and wellbeing. We need a new criminal justice structure.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.



Sincerely,  
Sam Lee

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**From:** Lina Abushaaban <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM 3.6

[External Email]

**Hello, my name is Lina and I'm a San Jose resident. I am calling to demand that San Jose Mayor Liccardo and City Council redirect money away from the San Jose Police Department and invest into community resources. This year San Jose spent 33.4% of its general funds on police, and only 0.05% on housing. This is unacceptable. At this moment, Black people and their allies across the globe are demanding systemic change to policing, and we need to protect our crucial community resources from proposed budget cuts as a result of COVID19. I demand my city's funds to be redirected away from SJPd and into SJ programs that directly support Black lives and our community: housing, education, mental health, addiction recovery, parks, libraries, arts, and public health initiatives.**

**On Friday, May 29, 2020, I shot by a rubber bullet and hurt at the hands of the police which SJPd funds. Many others were hurt even more. The trauma which your funds sponsor needs to be defunded and invested into the community to actually help us. Police do not protect, they harm.**

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**From:** sim castro <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

My name is Sim Castro and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut the budget for education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while law enforcement absorbs nearly half of the city budget. I am asking the city council to commit to these three actions that will help improve our communities and keep our citizens safe:

1. Ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. It infringes on the first amendment rights of your citizens to gather and protest peacefully.
2. Reduce law enforcement budgets and funnel those funds into improving social and public programming. Increasing funding for mental health services, employment assistance, and educational opportunities will help tackle the root causes of our systemic issues better than an increased police presence.
3. Demand accountability for police officers. There needs to be a zero tolerance policy for officers that intentionally provoke violence as in the case of officer Yuen. While I know the city council is not responsible for the hiring and firing law enforcement officers, a drastic reduction in the operating budget will send a strong message that SJPd needs to rethink how they serve their community.

Citizens are protesting because we have deep-seated systemic issues that need to be addressed and our voices are not being heard. We need a proactive approach to solving these social issues by providing education, job training and social welfare resources to communities that have been disproportionately affected. Increasing the law enforcement budget to keep us "safe" is a reactive measure that does not address the underlying social ills. As a member of this community, I want the city to commit to revising the 2020-21 budget and shifting its priorities to fund resources that will improve the community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sim Castro

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**From:** hannah gregoric <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda 3.6

[External Email]

for a written public comment template: Hello,

My name is Hannah Gregoric and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-- at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the city council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence, which only further escalates the situation.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me as well.

Hannah Gregoric

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**From:** Zoe Crone <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Zoe and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming within our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-- at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the city council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence, which only further escalates the situation.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me as well.

Thank you.

**Zoe Crone**

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**From:** Brian Reaves <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Brian Reaves, and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities, and a re-examining of the contract between San Jose Police officers and the City of San Jose. The lack of oversight and accountability from police to citizens that they have sworn to serve is unacceptable, and it is increasingly clear that SJPd answers to none other than themselves and the California Peace Officers Organization. I stand with the calls across the country and demand that the City Council vote to defund the SJPd, as attempts to decrease prejudice, implicit bias and over policing in Black and Brown communities in this city have still resulted in excess traffic and pedestrian stops that have disproportionately affected Black and Hispanic citizens, as evidenced in this report that SJPd commissioned by UTEP, linked here: [http://www.sjpd.org/records/utep-sjpd\\_traffic-pedestrian\\_stop\\_study\\_2017.pdf](http://www.sjpd.org/records/utep-sjpd_traffic-pedestrian_stop_study_2017.pdf).

Additionally, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. Responding to protests against police brutality with police brutality has weakened the case for SJPd to effectively police and serve the citizens of this city.

I see the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community, not lobbying dollars. Please fulfill your duty by listening to your constituents.

Thank you,

Brian Reaves

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**From:** Julian Ramirez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** In regards to Agenda item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Julian and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing this to demand that funding reallocated from the SJPd to social and public programming. The police take up %30 of the city budget, and take on tasks that can be better performed by social workers.

We need to disband the police and instead fund programs that promote community wellbeing.

The city also needs to ban the use of rubber bullets and other forms of excessive force. The police force has misused these tools to infringe on first amendment rights of protesters.

Best regards,

Julian Ramirez

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Julian Ramirez / Principal Scientist  
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**From:** Kate Jackson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

My name is Kate Jackson and I am a high school student and resident of San Jose. I am writing to address some major concerns regarding your response to recent protests against police brutality.

First, although I applaud any efforts against systemic racism, I found your proposition to implement various reforms within SJPd to be entirely insufficient in addressing the current crisis. Reforms such as additional independent police auditors, diversity training, psychological screenings, and more selective recruitment have existed in America for decades to no avail. By repeatedly carrying out disturbing acts of brutality on camera, police have shown us that no amount of accountability can stop these blatant acts of racism so long as they have the backing of the system. Implementing ineffective reforms is a form of complacency which allows violence to continue and more Black lives to be lost, as we await substantive change. This is unacceptable.

Instead I ask that you reconsider the idea of defunding the police which you have already dismissed in recent weeks. To many the catchphrase “defund the police” incites images of chaos and lawlessness. However, such extreme interpretations reflect a general uninterest in the potential value of this proposition to reimagine the way we do policing in San Jose. Understand that I am not asking you to stop funding the police completely, but rather redirect substantial funds into SJ programs that directly support Black lives and the needs of our community: mental health, addiction recovery, housing, education, and bridge programs for recidivism prevention.

Thanks,  
Kate Jackson

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**From:** Megan Swift <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** June 9th meeting agenda item 3.6 (5) Use of batons and/or physical contact.

[External Email]

A friend and I went to Plaza Cesar Chavez Friday, May 29, 2020 to witness and support the peaceful protest of George Floyd's death and to show our support for wanting change. We arrived at 8:35 to a large group of protesters with a large police presence a block and a half away. The only unlawful action I witnessed was an individual picking up a bottle and throwing it towards the officers. It landed half a block away from where they were standing. The police did not move or show any reaction and I witness no other acts that could have been seen as threatening to the police.

What was a vocal but peaceful gathering turned into a show of force and violence by the SJPD. I want to be clear that the SJPD's actions turned a lawful gathering into an organized and vicious attack on our community. By 9pm, the police made one announcement that I could not understand. Within a few minutes, we saw officers advance toward the group with rifles on their shoulders shooting indiscriminately into the crowd what we later found out were rubber bullets. This created panic in the crowd. Rubber bullets were followed by tear gas and flash grenades. My friend and I were off to the side of the group but SJPD advanced on us quickly. We were told to move as officers pushed us with their batons. One officer repeated left the line of officers to cross-check me and my friend like hockey players do, violently and with force. With each "MOVE" we stepped back. It was not possible to ignore the command and we complied step by step. I looked each officer in the eye and stated one of three things: shame, change or do better. With each step one officer became more agitated and aggressive in his hits. He eventually charged forward, cross checked me a final time, pulled me through the line and arrested me. This was at 9:10. We had been at the gathering for 35 minutes.

I am including pictures of my bruises. I also have a large bruise on my breast that I will not submit. My body is still healing and the bruises are still visible from hits that took place 12 days ago.

Megan Swift  
[REDACTED]

Dev Davis is my council member representative.

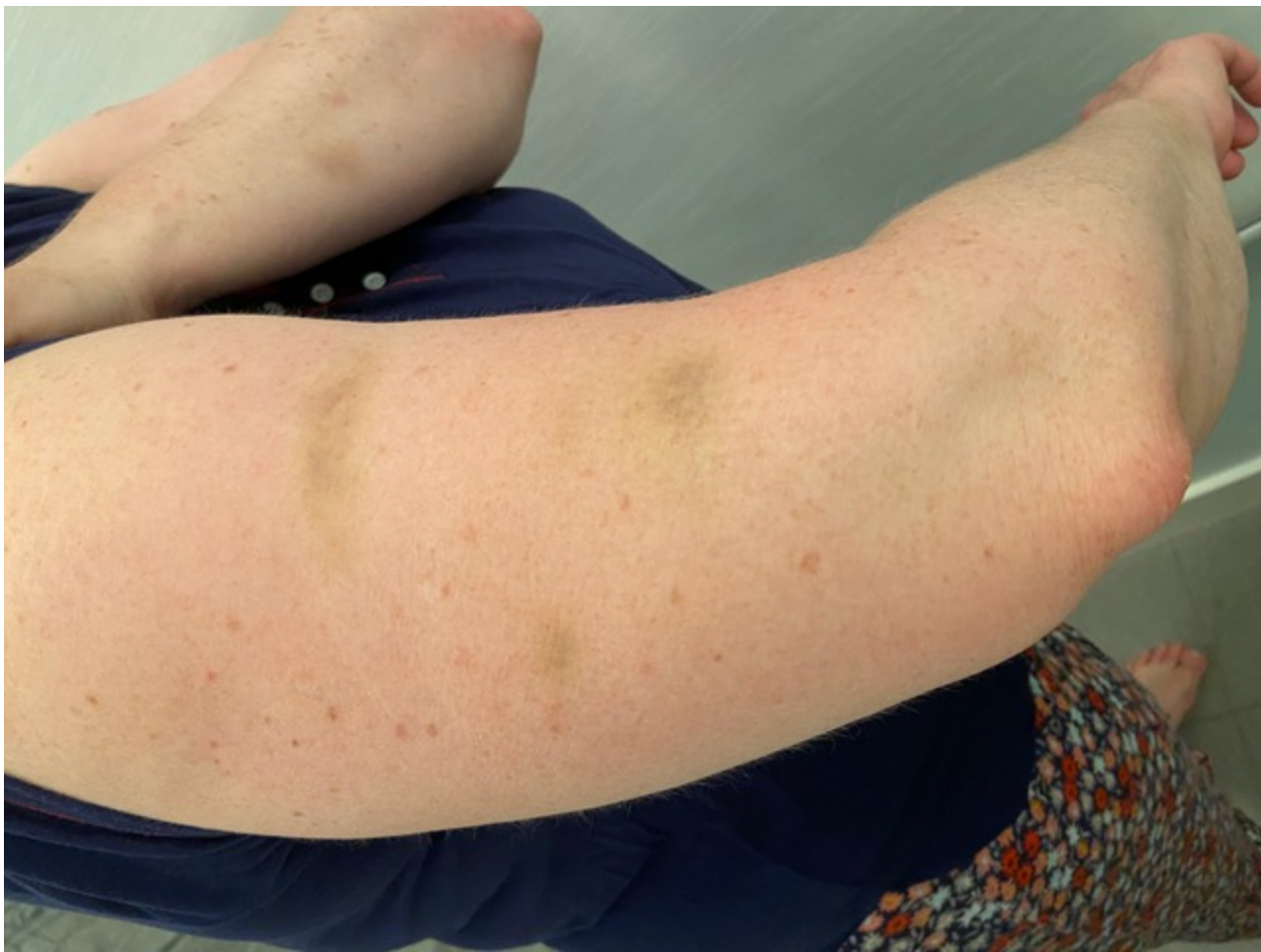
Bruises six days after the police hit me.

Left arm





Right arm





Lower back





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**From:** Hannah Creutzfeldt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting; City Clerk  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

I am a San Jose resident calling for you to reconsider the current San Jose budget proposal which gives 44% of funds to the Police Department. Police institutions uphold white supremacist systems (as we have seen in the frequent murders of unarmed Black Americans) and have been proven ineffective in eliminating crime. We should be investing in more community based and rehabilitation initiatives such as Viva Calle and Viva Parks, Library Hours, Community Service Officers, Parks Maintenance, Equity Strategy for Allocating Funding, and Traffic Safety and Street Improvements. I urge you to speak out against these punitive institutions and fight for systems that will truly help our community.

In regards to police crowd control it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right (and the protests have been peaceful) and should not be met with police violence.

Thank you for all that you do.

Best,  
Hannah Creutzfeldt  
District 6

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**From:** Ankita Bhanot <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello.

My name is Ankita Bhanot and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime. it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. Tear gas is an abortifacient that can cause miscarriages, blindness and respiratory problems and is extremely hurtful to children and the elderly. It is banned in International Warfare and yet it is being used on citizens in the middle of a respiratory pandemic. This is not only irresponsible but inhumane.

The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Ankita Bhanot  
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**From:** Eleanor Strong <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Eleanor Strong and I am a 28-year resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses (and as a teacher in Berryessa, I can see the faces of each of my students who are impacted by those cuts). It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

I stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts HERE, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you,  
Eleanor Strong  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item No. 3.6 at City Council Meeting 6/9/20 at 11AM

[External Email]

Dear Major Liccardo and Councilmembers:

My name is Michelle and I am a long-time resident of San Jose. I have read your statements calling for transparency on crowd control tactics and memorandum of the same. I commend your efforts to take swift action to scrutinize the SJPd's use of force during recent protests, however, I question if your proposed actions are enough.

I combed through the Independent Police Auditor's (IPA) webpage and learned that the IPA's investigation of police misconduct is almost entirely dependent on SJPd Internal Affairs (IA) investigation. The IPA does not appear to have the power to conduct its own independent investigation, to subpoena information, or to interview members of the police.

Further, while civilians can easily submit complaints to the IPA on its webpage, there are no easily accessible methods or databases for civilians to review and discuss the complaints that are submitted. It appears disclosure of the findings made in investigations of complaints is only provided to the complainant--and that only happens after the IPA has concluded its audit of IA's investigation (so the complainant is mostly in the dark until then). And while the IPA is tasked with issuing an annual public report including certain statistical analysis and recommendations based on complaints it has reviewed, "police department records and information" and the name of any individual police officer are to remain confidential. What safeguards do we have in place to ensure information the public has a right to know is not kept secret?

Your proposal to expand authority for the IPA must:

- 1.
2. Give the IPA independent
3. investigative and subpoena powers. The IPA must have the power to interrogate officers, access crime scenes, subpoena witnesses and files with penalties for non-compliance, make disciplinary and policy recommendations to the police chief and prosecuting attorney,
4. and compel the police chief and prosecuting attorney to explain why they have not followed a recommendation;

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7. Exclude current and retired
8. law enforcement from membership on the IPA board;
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11. Create and publicize easily
12. accessible methods for civilians to submit, view, and discuss complaints; and
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15. Require mandatory disclosure
16. of police misconduct records and make those records easily accessible to the public.
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Major Liccardo's pledge to commit to action proposed by My Brother's Keeper Alliance is a good step forward, but what we really need are *leaps* forward. WE--your constituents--are asking for radical change *now*, we need our governing body to prove its unwavering and ongoing commitment to Black Lives Matter and historically disenfranchised communities, and we want to see black and brown people with a seat at the table of power. Therefore, I challenge all of you to commit to Color of Change's platform to end the war on black people (which is also endorsed by the ObamaFoundation) and to adopt the structural demands stated therein. Sign and review the platform here:

<https://act.colorofchange.org/signup/state-emergency-black-people-are-dying>

At this crucial time, the people of the City of San Jose are looking to you for moral leadership and systemic change. We will be watching to see if your actions match up with your words. We will hold you accountable for keeping your promises to make meaningful reform. Will you truly represent us?

Sincerely,

Michelle Adrong

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**From:** Melissa Fuller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Melissa McClure Fuller and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you, Melissa McClure Fuller

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**From:** artsy nahlee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Inan Molla and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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-Inan Molla

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**From:** Erika Grant <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Cc:** Eleanor Strong  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 36

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Erika Grant and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses (and as a teacher in Alum Rock, I can see the faces of each of my students who are impacted by those cuts). It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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Thank you,  
Erika Grant

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**From:** Blair Sass <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Blair Sass and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-at the expense of your citizens' safety and well being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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Thank you for your time.

Blair Sass

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**From:** Kimberly Rivera <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6 Meeting 6/9

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Kimberly Rivera and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

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**From:** Madeline Minardi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Madeline and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-- at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the city council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence, which only further escalates the situation.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me as well.

I will leave you with a personal story of why, as a white female, this is important to me:

Junior year of high school, on the day of my 17th birthday, I went to see a movie with some friends to celebrate. I was having an anxiety and depressive episode. I got home from the movie, went into my kitchen, and attempted to overdose on medication in order to end my life. My parents called the cops out of concern for my life and safety and well-being. Though I was calm, non-threatening to anyone else but myself, the police showed up and put me in handcuffs. They were cold, callous, and non-compassionate as I was in the fight for my life. They put me in the back of a cop car and escorted me to the hospital, where I was held on a 5150 call. This experience caused extreme anxiety and trauma for me. My transition from home to hospital through my depressive episode should have been one of compassion, understanding, and deescalation. Instead, I was in the back of a cop car for the first time in my life, terrified and alone. THIS is why we need social and public programs funded by mental health providers and social workers.

Thank you.

**Madeline Minardi**

**Madeline Minardi**

Scheduling Coordinator  
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**From:** Melissa Howell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Melissa, and I am a resident of San Jose. I demand you seriously revise our city's spending for the next fiscal year. Here is why:

It is unethical to cut budgets towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5 million into the SJ Golf courses, of all things! It is an outrage that I've 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken — at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being.

We need a new Criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social work. Please **do not** vote to increase police funding. Do not be complicit in the disproportionate targeting of people of color. Propose and vote to expand on its current efforts in healthcare, affordable housing, and restorative justice. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. **Invest in education, health services, housing, transportation, and other community and social programs instead of aiding a corrupt system.** We demand a budget that adequately and effectively addresses the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this uncertain times, when livelihoods are on the line.

The police department does not need to use tear gas, rubber bullets, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. This is not effective crowd control at all, but rather it is a violation of our rights to be safe and protected and heard. It is important that these forms of police violence be banned immediately. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment rights and deserve to be met with open ears and compassion.

There is not just a need for police reform, but police defunding and abolition, because the entire structure of the police force is inherently corrupt and ineffective. The average police recruit spends 58 hours learning how to shoot and only 8 hours learning how to de-escalate(Source: Campaign Zero). They are not trained or equipped to react to the vast majority of crises. THIS IS NOT PUBLIC SAFETY. Phillip McHarris (doctoral candidate focusing on race), argues that we must work towards a reality in which healthcare workers and emergency response teams handle substance abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, or mental health cases. Policies to "improve the police" are not enough, as there's no evidence that implicit bias training or community relations initiatives help with reducing the abuses of policing (The Nation). We need to reimagine public safety to prioritize alternatives to conflict rather than defaulting to violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and the community's voices. It starts here, in this town hall meeting, by listening to your community. I am here to remind you that I am trusting you to represent your constituents because that is your duty. It was our votes that got you here, and it is our voices that you must listen to and take into HEAVY consideration. **I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose City budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and I believe public opinion is with me.**

Sincerely but not silently,  
Melissa

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**From:** Mel How <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:07 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** 10.32

[External Email]

My name is Melissa and I'm a resident of San Jose, California. We do not need rubber bullets when people are utilizing their first amendment rights.

The police department does not need to use tear gas, rubber bullets, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. This is not effective crowd control at all, but rather it is a violation of our rights to be safe and protected and heard. It is important that these forms of police violence be banned immediately. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment rights and deserve to be met with open ears and compassion.

Melissa

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**From:** O Rose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting; City Clerk  
**Subject:** Defund SJP

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Olivia Rose and I live in District 9 of San Jose, CA. I write to demand that funding be reallocated from SJP to the social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is **unethical** to cut budgeting towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5 million into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the San Jose Police Department. The system in place is broken---**at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being**. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of **mental health professionals and social workers**.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council **defund and disband the SJP** similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods *and lives* are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing rather than one that empowers the police.

In the meantime, it is important to **ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control**. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

With hope,

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**Olivia G. Rose**  
B.A. English Literature and Comparative Literature, UCLA  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Celeste Afanador <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6 CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 9th

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is a Celeste Afanador and I am asking you to please take the 8CantWait Pledge and execute these demands. Specifically, for the sake of this meeting agenda item, I am asking you, in addition to considering these other demands part of the 8Can'tWait Pledge, to execute the demand on banning the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force in regards to crowd control measures. But that is just a piece of the broader picture at hand. I ask you to broaden your perspective and recognize the bigger issue, what we are protesting for...the end of racist police brutality, the end of unjust treatment of black lives, the start of real change, the long-enduring deeply rooted journey of fighting for and fostering JUSTICE for the lives of African Americans. We protest for that. We protest because BLACK LIVES MATTER. I am a resident of San Jose and masters-level graduate student at Santa Clara University studying to become a licensed MFT Mental Health Clinician and Therapist and my heart has never felt so wrenched. It is absolutely heartbreaking...what happened to George Floyd and so many other innocent individuals that have experienced and are experiencing racist police brutality. It makes me sick to my stomach..the injustice that occurred and is occurring in the lives of African Americans under a constitution that was meant for equality for all. For decades it has been anything but that.

You have the power to make a difference in this movement. You have the power to breed social justice and peace. I am begging you, please. And again, I emphasize that the larger, more critical issue important to examine is that protests stem/root from the history of decades-long systematic racism and inequality African Americans have suffered from for years that has gone unaddressed just swept under the rug at law enforcement's and government's convenience. I studied the history and dynamics of institutional racism, systematic racism, structural racism, and interpersonal racism across all races and cultures in college as a sociology major and am studying further now in my multicultural counseling course at Santa Clara University and in spite of all the movements we are still here today with occurrences of gross racial discrimination that police officers have gotten away with. This has to stop.

Do not get me wrong, I am not against police...I have two uncles that are police officers, one was a sergeant and is now a detective in the sexual assault unit for Santa Clara County and the other is a sergeant in San Francisco. I am not against police... I AM AGAINST police brutality in the form of discrimination. I AM AGAINST unnecessary excessive police brutality towards black men(and women and adolescents). I AM AGAINST unlawful discriminatory behavior both verbally and physically in law enforcement officers who are supposed to be serving and protecting in the name of justice. Racist discriminatory police brutality is a form of overt egregious racial discrimination and needs to STOP. You hold higher authority than me to utilize YOUR power to make it STOP. Please don't abuse that power. We are already utterly exhausted of those in authority abusing their power. It is killing America, bleeding lives dry of Liberty. LIBERTY:

*noun*

1. 1.

*the state of being free within society from **oppressive restrictions** imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views.*

Please please help. Help make this pain STOP. Pass these 8CantWait demands and make this STOP. I say this as a multiracial Filipino, White, and Mexican female and aspiring mental health professional. I am begging you.

Peace and Justice Regards,  
Celeste Afanador

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**From:** Andrea Landavazo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Andrea Landavazo and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budgets towards education, libraries, parks, housing and transportation while funding \$5M into improving the San Jose Golf Courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure. Inclusive of a robust task force of Mental Health Professionals and Social Work.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well being, rather than empowers the Police.

In the meantime it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their 1st amendment rights and should not be met with police violence.

I see the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to our community. It is your duty to represent the constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Regards,

Andrea Landavazo

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**From:** Tian Wells <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Tian Wells and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being'. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. Tear gas is an abortifacient that can cause miscarriages, blindness and respiratory problems and is extremely harmful to children and the elderly. It is banned in International Warfare and yet it is being used on citizens in the middle of a respiratory pandemic. This is not only irresponsible but inhumane.

The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Sincerely,  
Tian

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**From:** Alicia Dark <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Police use of force and crowd control measures

[External Email]

My name is Alicia Dark, and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

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**From:** Lyna Kongphouthakhoun <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda 3.6

[External Email]

Hello. My name is Lyna Kongphouthakhoun and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Lyna Kongphouthakhoun

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**From:** Samantha Lafreniere <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Sam and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, housing, libraries, parks, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of the funding from the city goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure; one that includes a team of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls from across the United States and demand that the SJPd defund and disband similarly to Minneapolis. Wait Amanda budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of the at-risk citizens of San Jose during this trying and uncertain time. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowering police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, teargas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their First Amendment right and should not be met with police violence. This is not keeping people safe, this is encouraging tension between the police (covered in riot gear) and the protestors.

I see that the city Council hopes to create a process that includes the community and starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents, I am urging you to completely revised San Jose city budget for 2020 to 2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,  
Sam Murphy

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**From:** Pearl1111 Twin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Police Use of Force and Crowd Control Measures.

[External Email]

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**From:** Derrick Dyer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Defunding police

[External Email]

My name is Derrick Dyer, and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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**From:** Sened Isaac <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Police Use of Force and Crowd Control Measures

[External Email]

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**From:** Rick Quaresma <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Rick and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that local funding for SJPd be relocated to social and public programs in our communities. It is grossly unethical to cut the budget for education, libraries, parks, housing and even transportation while funneling \$5 million to a San Jose golf course. Are you kidding me?!? It baffles me that anyone could be heartless enough to even consider that to be the thing to do. Further more, over 30% of the city budget goes to the police department. The system in place is broken at the expense of your citizens safety and wellbeing. We need a new criminal justice system inclusive of a task force dedicated to mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls across the country and demand that the city council defund and disband the SJPd similar to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of all at risk San Jose residents during this trying and difficult time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing rather than one that empowers the police.

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**From:** Meron Afeworki <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting

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My name is Meron Afeworki , and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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**From:** Michelle Romero <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Michelle Romero and I am a resident of San Jose. I have been absolutely appalled and disgusted by the use of force our police department has been using on peaceful protests.

First of all, Jared Yuen is just an example that was caught on film. Police are supposed to be protecting people and deescalate a situation. I have seen and heard of police officers doing the exact opposite of that.

Police have proven over and over again they cannot be trusted with the riot gear our city pays to equip them with. They have proven to the people they apparently are not responsible enough to handle this equipment therefore take it away. Derrick Sanderlin may never have children because one of our officers shot him directly in the groin with a Rubber bullet. Rubber bullets as you know are supposed to be shot to the ground and not directly at people! I have heard too many of these stories! Why are the police constantly making the situations worse? Why are they escalating situations? I am DISGUSTED!

I am happy to see that the decision to ban rubber bullets for crowd control was made but I urge you to do so much more! This is the time to go all in for the people, I beg you to defund the police. And I do not mean get rid of the police force all together but I ask you to scale back the large amount of money you put towards the police department.

Over 40% of the San Jose budget goes towards the police department? And you are taking money away from education, parks and libraries? Plus adding money for a golf course? How can you sleep at night? It is time to put the money into our community!

Please the people are begging you to do what is right! Ban excessive use! Defund the police! Invest in our community!

Michelle Romero

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**From:** Dion Bello <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello. My name is Mark Bello and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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Thank you,  
Mark Bello

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:17 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting

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**From:** angela bello <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello. My name is Angela Bello and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

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**From:** Jeffie Khalsa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:32 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Item 3.6

[External Email]

My name is Jeffie Khalsa, I am a resident of San Jose, a local voter, and a member of Together We Will - San Jose.

The San Jose police do not keep our community safe. They are instead a source of fear, abuse, injury, and unjust arrests. We demand the SJPD budget be re-allocated to community-led health and safety strategies.

The City Council must cancel all open personnel requisitions for the SJPD, and resolve not to acquire any militarized equipment for SJPD now or in the future.

The City Council must compel SJPD to immediately cease enacting violence on our community, including ceasing all use of tear gas and rubber bullets. This must also include firing all officers who display aggression, who fire projectiles at protestors, who use sexist or racist slurs, and who engage in sexist or racist text-messaging.

It is past time to abandon the police-model and instead work together to enact creative and community-led solutions to keep our community safe.

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**From:** Segen Berhe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Reallocation of Funds

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Segen Berhe, and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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Warm regards,

Segen Berhe

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**From:** Government Accountability <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Agenda 6/9/20 - Item 3.6

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Recommendation #1 of this memo asks the SJPd to provide you with a duty manual section reference and the specific conditions that would necessitate or authorize specific police actions. With respect to tear gas, as your memo correctly notes, that in 1993 “tear gas was classified as a chemical weapon and in 1997 it was banned from use in international warfare.” However, despite this classification and the ban on its use in war, your memo refuses to unequivocally ban its use on your residents. Further, your memo has footnotes to many different articles, yet it specifically omits a link to the ProPublica (which you incorrectly stated was “ProRepublica”) article that you reference when you specifically state that, “After tear gas was deployed in Turkey, it showed that respiratory irritation, chest pain, and hemoptysis lasted for weeks after.” You conveniently omit the next sentence in the ProPublica article, which states, “**It may also be linked to miscarriages**,” which is a conclusion which has been supported by numerous other medical studies, and has been public knowledge via the reputable news media since at least 2010, as follows:

<https://www.propublica.org/article/tear-gas-is-way-more-dangerous-than-police-let-on-especially-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

<https://www.thenation.com/article/archive/tear-gas-abortifacient-why-wont-anti-abortion-movement-oppose-it/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5096012/>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/side-effects-of-ferguson-tear-gas-can-kill-2014-8>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/06/teargas-coronavirus-george-floyd-protests>

<https://phr.org/news/report-documents-bahraains-use-of-tear-gas-as-a-potentially-lethal-weapon/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/06/what-nonlethal-weapons-can-do-to-the-body-george-floyd/>

This is on top of the known fact that tear gas can bring on asthma attacks that can be lethal to asthmatic individuals, and can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic, where the State of California just saw its highest seven-day average of new infections. You can’t value life, and value families, and allow the San José Police Department to use a chemical weapon that is banned in war against residents of San José. If the U.S. military cannot use tear gas on foreign soil against enemies in and outside of war, then how on earth can the SJPd use tear gas against our residents?

I hope that each of you understands the legal and financial liability that continued use of these items brings onto the City knowing full well all of the health risks (and risk of death) that these items carry with them when used clearly indiscriminately on members of the public. One of these days, and likely soon with the knowledge of the maiming of Derrick Sanderlin, the choice that you make to continue allowing these weapons to be used will make the City's \$72 million budget deficit look like chump change. Mark my words - more people will be maimed and killed, and the City will be forced to settle lawsuits or will be found liable to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars - it's just a matter of time if you chose to do nothing.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/09/us/san-jose-police-training-activist-rubber-bullets-trnd/index.html>

<https://abc7news.com/san-jose-police-george-floyd-protest-bay-area-shot-by-during/6234212/>

The City Council should enact a Council Policy that states that every Councilmember, the Mayor, the City Manager, the City Attorney, and every sworn officer in the Police Department must be personally exposed to any “less lethal” munition that the SJPd is authorized to use. This means that each of these people must be tear gassed, pepper sprayed, shot with kinetic impact projectiles, hit with batons, tazed, exposed to sonic bursts from the Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD), and any other item or weapon that is authorized in order to ensure that each of these people know the consequences of their use and can make an informed determination as to whether these items should be used. This is already how the City’s Pepper Spray Policy works. Apply it to all of these other “less lethal” munitions, weapons, and tools.

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=17951>

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**From:** Kyle Wang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:23 AM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** DEFUND SJP

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Kyle Wang and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that the city council defund the San Jose police department and reallocate its funds towards social and public programming. Policing has proven time and time again to be antithetical to public safety, especially for low income communities of color. It is abhorrent that five million dollars in public money is spent on San Jose golf courses, while education, housing and public transportation have all seen reductions in funding. The city of San Jose should be committed to racial justice and should begin the process of moving away from the current antiquated system of policing and seek out more effective community based solutions to criminal justice and public safety that include a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers. Our city should stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPD similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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Best,  
Kyle

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**From:** Michael Kinsler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** eComments for City Council Meeting

[External Email]

Hi, I'm Michael Kinsler and I live in the Rose Garden neighborhood, part of Dev Davis's district. I wanted to talk about this memo and express how much this doesn't serve the needs of San Jose.

I am really angry about the San Jose Police Department, and I need my voice to be heard. I saw that Mayor Liccardo [described this memo on Twitter](#) as a ban on the use of rubber bullets. I [read the memo](#) and **Mayor Liccardo lied about it**. You're asking the SJPd to make up **excuses and justifications** for their violence. This memo begs the Police Department and Chief Eddie Garcia to keep lying about their behavior and it's disgusting.

I watched the protests online and have participated in person, and I saw with my own eyes San Jose cops in riot gear **causing violence** and escalating a peaceful demonstration to the point of chaos. It doesn't take a genius to realize that firing rubber bullets, throwing flashbang grenades, and shooting tear gas is a stupid way to keep the peace. **The Police started the riot.**

I want the San Jose Police Department to **ban** the use of tear gas and rubber bullets. I **don't** want **excuses** or a **report**.

Yesterday on Forum on KQED, Derrick Sanderlin, the community organizer and Police Bias Trainer who you and Eddie have been praising ever since your officers **shot him in the groin**, called for **defunding** the Police Department, and **reinvesting** in the community. Derrick is right! We need to **defund the Police!**

Did you know that nearly [every cop on the street costs the City at least three hundred thousand dollars](#)? For every three cops we have, we're spending a **million dollars** every year. All of that money is **wasted** on an **infrastructure of violence**. We could be **housing the homeless** and **feeding the hungry!** We need to **defund the Police!**

We've let this Police Department run themselves for way too long. We need to put a stop to it. You need to **fire Eddie Garcia**, and we need to **defund the Police!**

The contract with the Police Officers Association expires on June 30th. I urge you to order the City Manager to negotiate **HARD against** them. They've been **STEALING** from all of us in San Jose for decades, and we're **SICK** of it. They **can't** get their raises after the **police riot** we all saw on our streets. **They need to be defunded.** We need to use that funding to support the community, not brutalize and terrorize us!

While I did not write this I wholeheartedly agree with the comments and frustrations described. We need to rebuild our policing and aid departments to eliminate police brutality and systematic racism.

Regards,  
Michael Kinsler

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**From:** Arun Ramakrishna <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:21 AM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Defund SJPD

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Arun Ramakrishna and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that the city council defund the San Jose police department and reallocate its funds towards social and public programming. Policing has proven time and time again to be antithetical to public safety, especially for low income communities of color. It is abhorrent that five million dollars in public money is spent on San Jose golf courses, while education, housing and public transportation have all seen reductions in funding. The city of San Jose should be committed to racial justice and should begin the process of moving away from the current antiquated system of policing and seek out more effective community based solutions to criminal justice and public safety that include a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

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Arun Ramakrishna

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**From:** Neda Bazofti <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 7:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; CouncilMeeting  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Neda and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that 44% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We demand that the City Council defund the SJPd. We join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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Thank you for your time,

Best,  
Neda Bazofti  
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