

From: Annie Williams Conrad
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 1:01 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for Today's Meeting (6/9)



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Hi my name is Annie Williams- Conrad, I am an educator and a mother in Evergreen, District 8. I have lived here all my life and have always been proud of San Jose's long history of being a home of social justice activism. It goes back to the Freedom Riders and Tommie Smith and John Carlos. Clearly this is a history that San Jose claims to be proud of. I watched Chief Garcia's video where he said he and the San Jose PD were disgusted by the actions of Derik Chauvin. Then shortly after I see the SJPD shooting rubber bullets and tear gas, and see Jaren Yuen licking his chops at the prospect of hurting a peaceful protester. He is clearly not cut out for that job! Him and people like him need to be weeded out of the department.

Also the irony of Derrick Sanderlin, a kind community organizer who helped train the SJPD on implicit bias, being shot in the groin by the very same department he trained is not lost on us. I organized my own protest here in District 8 because I, along with other parents were scared to take my kids downtown, not scared of the protesters but SCARED OF the police!

ALL OF San Jose should be a safe place for us to protest. If you don't agree with police brutality you should be protesting, kneeling, and standing with us not fighting against us and scaring us away. San Jose needs to be a leader and an example in our country's fight for justice, equality, and peace. Please ban rubber bullets, tear gas, explosives and any other violent forms of crowd control. The city of San Jose must do better! Black lives matter!

From: Ben Boles

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 1:47 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 3.6 - June 6th, 2020 City Council Meeting



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Good Afternoon,

I would like to comment regarding the police actions during the Protests.

How much communication happened between the crowd and the police riot line before the incidents of discharging weapons meant to dispel the crowd? Did any announcement go out that the police are receiving incoming attacks - Was there any announcement of telling the crowd to cease throwing items? Was there any communication meant to defuse the crowd? The only communication I understand from videos and comments were... Office Yuen inflammatory comments saying Shut Up Bitch, and then later an announcement saying - This is an unlawful assembly - which right afterwards police moved in to dispel the crowd.

Would it be beneficial for police to engage in communication with crowds through bullhorns in order to convey the message: We hear you, we are being hurt by the throwing of projectiles from the crowd, the communication that if approached they will be met with force and then later if the assembly is unlawful or needing dispelled that it was apart of a long line of attempts to communicate?

From: Walter Hudson
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Comment on Item 3.6 of today's City Council Agenda



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Since i cannot be there in person, i send this:

Dear Raul,

You know me as a neighbor and a concerned citizen. You may not know that I have been a member of the Independent Police Auditor's Community Advisory Board for almost seven years now. And I have seen a lot and watched a few crises involving police accountability, practices and procedures and the general politics of the IPA in the city structure.

This is why I join my friends on the CAB is issuing this message to you and the Council:

"Events of the past week call for transformative **structural** change.
The measures announced last week for expansion of police oversight are too **limited**.
The once-innovative auditor model is **dated**.
Council must provide **robust oversight** so our citizens have confidence in the process and the outcomes."

I put each on a separate line because each of these are Important Statements by themselves. Together they say we have an enormous amount of work to do and I am committed to seeing San Jose come out of this with a stronger confidence in its police and firm civilian hands to guide that work. I hope we can find ways to work together on this.

Sincerely
Walter Hudson

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"To love. To be loved. To never forget your own insignificance. To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never to forget."

Arundhati Roy

From: Jon Telebrico
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.6

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Good morning,

My name is Jon Telebrico and I have been a student of San Jose the past four years. I am writing today because I am concerned about the way that this community—especially the black and brown citizens within it—have been treated with regards to the police department.

Back in 2014, the San Jose Police Department returned a mine-resistant armored vehicle, citing concerns of maintaining community trust. California is one of the biggest beneficiaries of the federal 1033 program, and today you have a real opportunity to help create change when it comes to the way police use force and various other "crowd control" measures.

Residents of this city should not have to fear for their lives because they see military grade weaponry rolling down the same streets that they walk and live on daily. We should not be forced to witness a lack of transparency on the part of SJPd, especially given recent events such as the treatment of peaceful protestors by the violent and antagonistic actions of officers like Officer Jared Yuen.

There ought to be standards of accountability when it comes to the use of force against those who are exercising their constitutional rights to assemble. This includes:

- 1) Demilitarizing the force and the use of high grade weaponry acquired through programs like the aforementioned 1033 program, thereby committing to return much of these unnecessarily violent weapons
- 2) The increased use of body cameras and other forms that hold the police accountable to the public whom they are serving
- 3) Clear and outlined protocols which disallow officers from inciting violence during relatively peaceful protests, and discontinuing the practice of arresting said protestors on vague grounds

These are just a number of things that you have the power to commit to today. As an extremely diverse city inhabited by thousands of people of color, San José ought to take charge and implement these measures rather than empowering racist and violent institutions.

Realize that the conversation cannot simply end here—there must be continued discussion with regards to how the increased money to the SJPd in the proposed budget diverts funds from things like traffic safety and street improvement, library hours, community service officers, parks maintenance, and other important programs. Investing in our police force while divesting from low-income communities within San Jose is extremely detrimental to citizens. If we want to combat systemic and institutional racism, we have to address the inequalities entrenched in infrastructure, education, and ecology that disproportionately affect communities of color, especially black communities. Please keep these concerns in mind going forward.

Sincerely but not silently,

Jon Telebrico

From: Celeste Afanador
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.6

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, is racist police brutality. 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. *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

From: Farrah Schiff
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:20 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Farrah Schiff, and I am a resident of San Jose (as well as a county employee and proud union member). While the city seeks to understandably make cuts to address the COVID-19 deficit, I am writing to demand that funding is instead reallocated from SJPd (and the golf courses) to social and public programming for our communities (education, affordable housing and housing support for the homeless, healthcare and mental health services, social services, libraries, parks, and public transportation). The current system is not about protecting **all** citizens—and must be reimagined.

I support fully the calls that the San Jose City Council defund the SJPd and invest their budget into the services mentioned above. The city budget should support community well-being, not about “saving” the police through superficial reforms (including xpanding the budget to include more accountability technology and training). The city must, also, make the details of police union contract negotiations public.

IN THE MEANTIME, the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as methods of crowd control must be banned. The city must recognize and support the First Amendment rights of the protestors, and not fund police violence against them.

It is promising that the city council appears to want to create a process that includes community input. As your constituent, I hope you will listen to us and take these messages seriously. You are in a position to have a tremendous impact in a **history-making** moment.

Thank you,
Farrah Schiff

From: Lindsey Marsh
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:14 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Agenda Item 3.6, Letter from a Community Member



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Hello,

My name is Lindsey Marsh and I have been a resident of San Jose for 30 years. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPD to social and public programming that will directly benefit our community, such public education, libraries, housing, transportation, and parks. It is shameful that the city chooses to continue to cut funding for something as important as education and instead use this money to militarize the police. It is an outrage that the proposed budget includes \$5M to improving golf courses and that over 30% of the city's funding is for the police department. We need a new criminal justice system that includes extensive training in mental health first aid, diversity and inclusion training, involve more social and mental health experts in this training.

We expect more training and education for someone who goes to cosmetology school than we do of our police officers. This needs to change! 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 pandemic and recession. We demand a budget that supports the community's well-being rather than empower the police.

What can you do immediately? 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 protectors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

It is encouraging to see the city council aims to create a process that includes the community. It starts now! Listen to your community. It is your duty to represent us. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me. We are tired of this and it is far past due to say enough!

Thank you,
Lindsey Marsh

From: Victoria .Scoville
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:16 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.6



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Hi,

My name is Tori and I am a resident of San Jose.

I am writing to urge the city of San Jose to follow in the footsteps of other city councils, like Minneapolis, and commit to ending racial inequality with our actions not just our words.

- **Reallocate budget from SJPD to social services like education, libraries, housing, mental health and transportation.** This is a research-backed policy that can be enacted into the 20-21 budget immediately.
- **Ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other excessive force measures at protests.**
- **Charge any officers who violently attack protesters.**

From: Steven Rozzi

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:09 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: City Council Meeting 6/9/2020 11am, Public Comment, Agenda Item 3.6



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The policy proposed recently by the SJPD limiting the use of projectile impact weapons, like the one used against Derrick Sanderlin, is already included in the SJPD Duty Manual. Section L 2629, adopted in 2018, already prohibits these weapons unless there are one of two specific conditions: (1) a suspect is armed and likely to commit harm or (2) the use of these weapons is likely to prevent serious injury. Neither of these descriptions describe Derrick during the protest. Either the officers involved were not properly trained or willfully neglected their training in the duty manual. What consequences are you currently pursuing against the officer or officers involved in Derrick's attack? And how are you planning to address other officers who act outside of the duty manual in this way? We already know this policy - the one recently proposed and the one already on the books - does not prevent officers from attacking protesters with unreasonable force.

Steven Rozzi,
Former San Jose District 3 resident

From: Rawan Ammouri
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:06 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: AGENDA ITEM 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Rawan Ammouri 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.

Thank you,
Rawan Ammouri

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From: Arbella Issa
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:02 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Arbella Issa 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 \$5 million into improving the San Jose gold 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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Sincerely,

Arbella Issa

From: Chloe Le

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:01 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 3.6



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From: areen shehk
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 9:58 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Areen Shehk 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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Thank you,
Areen Shehk

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Sincerely,
Areen