

**From:** BAHN SJ <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 10:18 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Sykes, Dave <[REDACTED]> city.auditor <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Spending \$1 Billion

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Derar Mayor Liccardo,

As San Jose stares down an impressive budget deficit please look closely at how much is spent on housing. What could we have done differently to serve the homeless with \$1 Billion?

Please look at salaries, lucrative pension plans, multiple pension plans, and gold-standard health care benefits inaccessible to most citizens. Public safety is not the first thing SJ should cut.

Since the 2014-2015 fiscal year, San Jose's Housing Department total combined operating and capital budget has been just north of \$1Billion.

**2019-2020: \$297,771,033**

2018-2019: \$247,357,802

2017-2018: \$203,689,401

2016-2017: \$148,641,651

2015-2016: \$91,736,553

2014-2015: \$80,015,398

**Total Housing Department \$1,069,209,000**

Approximately \$48,245 for each of the 6,172 homeless individuals in SJ, or \$4k/month.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamandrzejewski/2020/05/19/why-california-is-in-trouble--340000-public-employees-with-100000-paychecks-cost-taxpayers-45-billion/>

<https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-jose-leaders-propose-sweeping-cuts-to-public-safety-to-close-gaping-budget-hole/#comment-14217>

BAHN-SJ, is a non-profit group of mom and pop rental housing providers in San Jose. We help members achieve success in their small businesses by: advocating for small business policies; educating members and improving business acumen; and providing a way for rental housing providers to connect.

**From:** Theresa Luna <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda 3.6

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Hello Council Members,

My name is Terri Luna and I am a resident of San Jose and an employee of San Jose State University. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPD to social and public program 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 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 citizen's safety and well-being. An example is Jared Yuan's actions in perpetrated violence towards a community member.

We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works that address systemic issues. 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. 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.

Regards,  
Terri Luna

**From:** Esther Sackett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Comment for Agenda Item 3.6 for City Council Meeting tomorrow

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Hello,

My name is Esther Sackett 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 for taking this under serious consideration, and for taking action.

Esther Sackett, PhD

**From:** Kimi Grandi Soriano <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Item 3.6 for June 12 Council Meeting

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Hello,

My name is Kimberly 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: Kristan Suko <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:21 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Kristan Suko and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 \$5M into improving 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. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPD similarly to Minneapolis, with a concurrent investment in Black and Brown communities. 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. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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 fiscal year 2020-2021. Public opinion is with me.

Sincerely,  
Kristan Suko

**From:** Kaz Suko <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:28 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda item 3.6

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Agenda Item Number 3.6

Body (write your full name where it says [NAME] at the top and bottom):

[REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is Kazutoshi Suko and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 \$5M into improving 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. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Kazutoshi Suko

**From:** TN Suko <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:34 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** city council meeting

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Agenda Item Number 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Taeko Nancy Suko and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 \$5M into improving 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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Sincerely,

Taeko Nancy Suko

**From:** Sara Gabriele <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Public comment on item 3.6 for 6/12 meeting

[External Email]

Hi,

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

I am writing because I do not believe our city is taking the degree of action that is needed to address police brutality.

Why are we spending 44% of our budget on policing? Why are our education and social services so poorly funded in comparison? Why are we increasing the number of police instead of exploring more strategic safer approaches (e.g. having a crisis counselor pick up 911, having a social worker in schools instead of an officer)?

We do not need to suddenly fire our police officers. We can and should approach this strategically, such as cutting spending on military grade weaponry and by not hiring back fills for retiring officers.

A vision of a future with these policies is not a dystopia-- it would look a lot like a typical suburb. The low crime rates in these areas are not because of more police on the streets but because they have good schools, good healthcare, and jobs.

We continue to see every day the heartbreaking and dehumanizing effects of the systems we are sustaining by not acting. If we do not act now, when will we?

Sara

**From:** Anna Marie Pilon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council Agenda Item 3.6 - Public Comment

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Hello, my name is Annamarie Pilon, I'm a San Jose resident. I am demanding that San Jose Mayor Liccardo and the San Jose 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 COVID-19. I demand my city's funds to be redirected away from SJPD and into San Jose programs that directly support Black lives and our community: housing, education, mental health resources, addiction recovery, parks and recreation services, libraries, arts, after school programs.

The fact that Viva Calle, for example, is on the recommended services to be cut from this year's budget is infuriating. Public events like these are what our community needs.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the police 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,

Annamarie Pilon

**From:** Steve Jonot <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Council meeting this Friday, June 12, for item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello, My name is Steve Jonot and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 course. 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 county and demand that the City Council defund the SJPD similarly to Minneapolis, with a concurrent investment in Black and Brown communities. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

I'm glad to 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 fiscal year 2020-2021. Public opinion is with me.

I would like to be included in the meeting tomorrow, on June 12, to voice my opinion on this subject matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Jonot

**From:** Dave Clayton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** June 12, 2020 City Council Meeting Public Comment

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Dave writes:

I would like to briefly speak about “Public Safety” in our city and neighborhoods.

Thank you!

Dave Clayton

**From:** Andrew Benitez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** District8 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council Agenda item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Andrew Benitez and I am a resident of East San Jose/Evergreen. 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 as well as 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 what is occurring in 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. It is inexcusable and frankly unacceptable that San Jose has become one of the most highlighted examples of the use of unnecessary force against protestors during a time in which police across the country have chosen to highlight their brutal tactics rather than listen to the people that they claim to serve and protect. By banning the use of tear gas, and rubberized "less-lethal" rounds, we stand to correct this image and instead rightfully ensure that our city serve as an example to the rest of the country of how the community's rights come before all else.

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, lest you face their wrath in coming elections. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year to better represent the needs of San Jose's most vulnerable population. Public opinion is with me.

**From:** helen d <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6 — engage the public, DEFUND THE POLICE!

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Helen Deng and I am a resident of San Jose and a youth in the community. As your constituent, I demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. How can you cut the budget for education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses? We're also outraged that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which is often paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused and BIPOC.

We stand in solidarity with those across the country to 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. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police — by defunding police, you empower and engage the community in SJ's decisions.

In the meantime, it's crucial that you vote to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. Recognize that protestors are exercising their 1st amendment right and should not be met with police violence. Since the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community, we are here to make it clear to you that 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,  
Helen Deng

**From:** Arun Ramakrishna <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 1:46 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> CouncilMeeting <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Defund the San Jose Police

[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.

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.

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. It is laughable that the United States will criticize and invade other countries over the suppression of dissidents, while simultaneously allowing law enforcement to brutalize and use CHEMICAL WEAPONS banned under international law against peaceful 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 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Best,

Arun Ramakrishna

**From:** Justin Dang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Sykes, Dave <[REDACTED]> Shannon, Jim <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]> BudgetOffice <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Letters From The Public - Reallocate SJPd funds

[External Email]

To Mayor Liccardo

and Council Members,

In the wake of George Floyd's death, many of San Jose's citizens—including myself—have assembled to protest. We express our frustration and anger with the police system; a system that has roots in perpetuating slavery and still disparages black people to this day; and police officers who grossly exploit their power; for example, the squad of San Jose policemen who incited violence at peaceful protests downtown. With that said, I would like to address a statement put out by Mayor Sam Liccardo. In the statement he rejects calls to defund SJPd in favor of police reform. But I just don't see how we can fix a system that isn't broken—a system that was meant to oppress people. New York City was one of many cities which instated police reform before the spark of protests, but that didn't prevent the NYPD from driving their vehicles into a crowd of protesters.

Mayor Liccardo also says that communities of color are more targeted by crime, but isn't crime merely a response to social conditions? Instead of pouring all \$440 million into SJPd, why not redirect those funds to rebuilding vulnerable communities? Instead of focusing on the punishment of criminals, why not be proactive and prevent crime by allocating funds to help those in need?

Police reform is a band aid fix on a flooding wound. It's time to apply tangible pressure on it. Defunding police isn't a gateway to rioting. What we want is to reroute those funds to aid the root of crime. What we want are resources which are better suited to the community's needs. What we want is to prevent police brutality and keep our black friends and family safe. Please reassess the role of police in our city and allow more community resources to play a bigger role in crime prevention.

Sincerely,  
Justin Dang

**From:** Thomas Le <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:01 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from San Jose Resident

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Thomas Le, and I am a resident of San Jose (born and raised). I am writing this message, because I believe the City Council's memo does not adequately address the issue of police violence faced in our communities.

I am requesting that the SJPD be defunded of its resources, and for that money to be provided to public and social programs in the city. It is evident that the current budget has been prioritized poorly towards "unessential" programs such as the \$5,000,000 towards San Jose golf courses. I respectfully ask the council consider deducting money away from these organizations and allocate them towards schools, libraries, parks, and housing.

It is clear that the 30% of the city's budget being provided to the SJPD is an excessive and inefficient use of taxpayer's money. Statistics of violent arrests, police brutality, and poor results from criminal cases show glaring issues regarding our community's health and safety under the current plan.

Major reforms are needed for our criminal justice structure that lack accountability and oversight. Expansions should be made for social workers and mental health programs.

We stand with those across the nation and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPD similar to Minneapolis, with concurrent investment in black, brown, and low-income communities. We demand a budget that meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this very intense and difficult time. Many livelihoods are on the line, and I write this letter as a desperate plea for action for them and my family. We demand a budget that prioritizes community well being over police powers.

It is essential that we ban the use of tear gas, rubber bullets, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment rights and should not be responded to with police violence.

I appreciate this opportunity to communicate this issue to the city council. I believe this is a great chance for real, positive change for our city by implementing these proposals. You owe a fiduciary duty of due care and due diligence to serve the public's interest.

I ask you, as a citizen, as a son, as a Christian, as a proud resident of San Jose, to revise the San Jose City budget for the fiscal year of 2020-2021.

**From:** Jane Oglesby <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 7:18 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Jane Oglesby 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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Jane Oglesby  
Voter in district 9

**From:** Brenna Savage <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 8:08 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6 for 6/12 Meeting

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Brenna Savage and I am a resident (District 3) of San Jose and a critical care nurse working in the city. 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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Sincerely,

Brenna Savage MSN RN CNL CCRN

**From:** E. Maya Ruíz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Evangelina Ruíz and I am a resident of San Jose. I demand that funding be 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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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.

Thank you,

Evangelina Ruíz

3rd District, San Jose

**From:** Rich Crowley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** District1 <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
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<[REDACTED]> District7 <[REDACTED]> District8 <[REDACTED]> District9  
<[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Garcia, Edgardo <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> City Clerk  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Support Expanding Police Budget

[External Email]

Mr. Mayor and

Members of the City Council -

Public Safety is the number 1 concern of all San Jose Residence!!

SJPD is the number 1 in providing that core service.

We have the privilege of having possibly the best Police Chief, Eddie Garcia, of any major city in the United States. He has rebuilt a department over the past several years to make it an effective community based police organization. He has sent his Captains into every district to work directly on a long term basis with all the diverse elements that make up our city. As a result of his actions and those of the professional officers serving us he has kept San Jose as one of the safest big cities in America with a per capita sworn force lower than all the others.

Rather than cutting his budget, you should be giving him even more so he can continue rebuilding the SJPD during these uncertain times.

**DON'T CUT HIS BUDGET, CONTINUE THE REFORMS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED OVER RECENT HISTORY.**

Thank you for your consideration,

**RICH**

**From:** Jamie Shin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 6. Defund SJP

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Jamie Shin and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJP 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 SJP 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 SJP 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.

-Jamie

**From:** Shak Turner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.6

## agenda item 3.6

Hello,

My name is Shak Turner and I am a resident of San Jose. For agenda item 3.6, I am here to recommend funding should be 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. I am a teacher in San Jose. I understand and witness how the diminished budget for education has a negative outcome on all students and staffing in education. Less funding for school activities, sports, and just options shows the city does not care about the future of San Jose. If students are not engaged or feel their needs are not met, where should they turn? The streets? Cause more trouble? This in turn can have an increased chance of having run ins with the law.

It is also surprising that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPD has seen a rise in overtime pay. This is paid out not only to exceptional officers, but to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and all other 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 uncertain time. We are worried about our lives surviving a pandemic, why should we be worried about our housing disappearing or our safety from law enforcement. Police are to protect and serve the community. The community should not have to protect and serve itself from 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 have hope in San Jose Council to evaluate the positivity the city can gain when the needs of the community are met. Do not continue to push away the people that made San Jose unique. Change can start now. Listen to the community. Do for those who are not able. Represent San Jose as your obligation and revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank You For Your Time.

**From:** Denise Leonor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:19 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> City Clerk  
<[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]> Ramirez, Lucas <[REDACTED]> Vickie  
Roberts <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Budget funding project approval for Monterey Rd / Valleyhaven Way street light

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

My name is Denise Leonor, I was born and raised in San Jose, I grew up off Monterey Road in the 60s and 70s, so believe me I have witnessed first hand the change in this city. I do recognize and appreciate the challenge that you have taken upon yourself to lead a city such as this, but I am asking you to narrow your vision for a bit, to focus on a neighborhood and a family.

On March 4, 2020 I woke up, got my morning coffee and powered up my laptop. And there was a blow that no one ever wants to see. A dear friend's anguish and pain for all of her family and friends to see. Her beloved son, Maurice Dillard had been taken from her the night before in a horrifying wreck. I admit I sat and stared at the words, trying to wish them away.

I also spent time on Maurice's birthday with his mother, brother, other family and friend's on the corner where he was taken from this world. The city was in the midst of shelter in place and still the traffic at this corner was bustling. Some cars turning left onto Valleyhaven were darting across in the nick of time. Just imagine if the traffic would have been full on San Jose traffic.

I would ask you to recognize that the safety features have NOT kept up with the growing needs of the neighborhood where this tragedy happened. It is a small thing to ask to prevent another family from this kind of pain.

Maurice was just going about his business. He was a good rider, he knew that motorcycle riders have to be constantly aware. I ask you to look at this from the perspective of his mother, and his brother, and everyone that loved him.

Maurice's proximity to home also means that we all have to see the place where this happened. Have to see many more near misses.

I truly hope that you will hear our voices. A traffic light is what we are asking... A traffic light!

Thank You,  
Denise Leonor

**From:** Catherine Schwedler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Catherine Schwedler 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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-Catherine Schwedler

**From:** Nora Abushaaban <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Nora 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:** Neha Chinthala <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Council Meeting Agenda 4 and Defunding SJPD

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Neha Chinthala and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 \$5M into improving 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, with a concurrent investment in Black and Brown communities. 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 empower police.

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Sincerely,  
Neha Chinthala

**From:** Serena Patel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item Number 6 for Meeting on 6/12/2020

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Serena Patel and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo does not go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 \$5M into improving 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, with a concurrent investment in black and brown communities. 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 protesters 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 fiscal year 2020-2021. Public opinion is with me.

Best,  
Serena Patel

**From:** Nikita Jain <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:57 AM

**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> District1

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**Subject:** San Jose Needs Change

Hello,

My name is Nikita Jain and I was born and brought up in San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding be 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 (BIPOC).

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. It is unacceptable that the police, which is supposed to keep its residents safe, does the opposite, particularly for its BIPOC constituents. Reforming the police is not acceptable. We need to reallocate the budget that goes to the police, to go elsewhere - teachers, schooling, social care services, mental health services, health care services, to name a few.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. It is your duty to protect your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me. #BlackLivesMatter

Thank you for your time.

Thank you,  
Nikita Jain

**From:** Kylie Mulcaire <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Kylie Mulcaire and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. **I 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 funding \$5 MILLION into improving 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 citizen's 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 county and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPD similarly to Minneapolis, with a concurrent investment in black and brown communities. 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 fiscal year 2020-2021. Public opinion is with me.

I am looking forward to witnessing San Jose's progress.

With hope,

Kylie Mulcaire

**From:** Alice Ly <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:15 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello, My name is Alice and I am a resident of San

Jose. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 \$5M into improving 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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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 fiscal year 2020-2021. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,  
Alice Ly

**From:** Ana Victoria Fortes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.1

[External Email]

DEFUND THE  
POLICE AND DO NOT ALLOCATE MORE MONEY TO MORE BUREAUCRATIC, FEEL-GOOD  
EFFORTS.

I don't believe that reforming police departments work. Some of the most progressive police departments still face challenges with holding their police officers accountable. In fact, a police officer even said it himself (see Confessions of a Former Bastard Cop <https://medium.com/@OfcrACab/confessions-of-a-former-bastard-cop-bb14d17bc759> highlighting the issues within police departments and issues with reform measures like the ones proposed in the San Jose memorandum). I think the steps that my councilmember, Arenas along with the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers Peralez, Carrasco and Diep are taking are pitiful and ill informed. The majority of these steps create unnecessary and circular bureaucratic administrative meetings (creation of the Office of Racial Equity?). The data is out there, the emotional and academic labor is already out there. Why is there a need for more "analysis" and "examination"?

Ana Victoria Fortes

**From:** Jamie Keith <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Comment on Agenda Item 3.6

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Jamie Keith 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 similar to actions taken in 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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Jamie Keith

**From:** Marianna Moore <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** San Jose city budget 2020-2021

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Marianna Moore and I am a resident of San Jose and Special Education Teacher. I am writing because this memo doesn't go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. I 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 (WE NEED THIS - we have 1 school nurse for 16 schools in our district, 1 social worker between 2 sites, 1 school psychologist between 3 sites, ZERO on-site counselors, no assistant principal), libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funnening \$5M into improving 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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Sincerely,

Marianna Moore

**From:** Ivette Valencia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Defund SJPD- You've Sold Out San Jose Enough

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Ivette Valencia 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.

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 for your time,

Ivette Valencia

**From:** Joanna Rauh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Joanna Rauh <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6 from 6.9.20 meeting

[External Email]

I'm a resident of San Jose and I'm writing because the memo does not go far enough to ensure our communities are free from police violence. Funding should be reallocated from the police to education, housing, and community support initiatives, as well as a task force of mental health professionals and other social services workers. The budget should be allocated toward empowering communities, particularly of black and brown residents, instead of empowering police. In the meantime, all measures of excessive force, such as tear gas and rubber bullets, as crowd control must be banned. I urge you, as our council members, to support your community by wholly revising the 20-21 budget accordingly.

Thank you,  
Joanna

**From:** manoj venkat <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda item # 20-713 - Demilitarize SJPD and ban less lethal weapons for crowd control

[External Email]

Hello,

I've been watching this entire fiasco and how Police Chief Eddie Garcia jumped to the defence of errant officers like Yuen. It is very clear to me that SJPD is neither capable of de-escalation or self-policing and that police heavy handedness in fact contributed to things getting out of control. I support the demilitarization of police as this will force them to use other strategies and not just violence. I support the ban on less lethal weapons such as rubber bullets, tear gas for crowd control. I also want SJPD to not hire any police officers who have been previously fired.

In summary - reduce the funds for SJPD and divert that money into other departments for social welfare, mental health

- Manoj

**From:** Dora Wang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** DEFUND SJPD

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Dora Wang and I am a resident of San Jose. Our communities should be free of police violence and it is clear that you have NOT done nearly enough.

You must work to DEFUND SJPD. Funding should be reallocated from SJPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. Why are we funneling \$5 MILLION into our golf courses and cutting funds for education, libraries, and parks? Why is 30% of city funding going into our police departments when they don't even know how to use rubber bullets correctly?

The news fails to report the police force's use of excessive force. However, their use of excessive and unnecessary violence is evident through the hundreds of videos that have surfaced throughout the Internet. Rubber bullets should be banned. First of all, the police have not been using rubber bullets correctly, directly shooting at people and not the ground. People have DIED because police fail to use rubber bullets correctly. And even if they were used correctly, studies have shown that rubber bullets can be extremely lethal. They have more than enough force to fracture your brain and cause cranial bleeding. Peaceful protestors have lost their eyesight or experienced internal bleeding leading to death. The use of tear gas should be banned as well. It is banned in international warfare so I do not understand why you are using it against your own community. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should NOT be met with police violence.

We stand with the rest of the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPD similarly to Minneapolis, with concurrent investment in the black and brown communities. We demand a budget that supports the community's wellbeing, rather than empower the police.

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. Public opinion is with me.

Sincerely,

Dora Wang

**From:** Dora Wang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:45 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6 - DEFUND SJPD

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Ning Wang and I am a resident of San Jose. Our communities should be free of police violence and it is clear that you have NOT done nearly enough.

You must work to DEFUND SJPD. Funding should be reallocated from SJPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. Why are we funneling \$5 MILLION into our golf courses and cutting funds for education, libraries, and parks? Why is 30% of city funding going into our police departments when they don't even know how to use rubber bullets correctly?

The news fails to report the police force's use of excessive force. However, their use of excessive and unnecessary violence is evident through the hundreds of videos that have surfaced throughout the Internet. Rubber bullets should be banned. First of all, the police have not been using rubber bullets correctly, directly shooting at people and not the ground. People have DIED because police fail to use rubber bullets correctly. And even if they were used correctly, studies have shown that rubber bullets can be extremely lethal. They have more than enough force to fracture your brain and cause cranial bleeding. Peaceful protestors have lost their eyesight or experienced internal bleeding leading to death. The use of tear gas should be banned as well. It is banned in international warfare so I do not understand why you are using it against your own community. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should NOT be met with police violence.

We stand with the rest of the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPD similarly to Minneapolis, with concurrent investment in the black and brown communities. We demand a budget that supports the community's wellbeing, rather than empower the police.

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. Public opinion is with me.

Sincerely,

Ning Wang

**From:** Ashley Piper <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re City Council Meeting Agenda #1

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Ashley Piper and I'm a resident of San Jose district 7.

I am emailing in regards to the current policies in place that hold the SJPD accountable for their actions. I do not think there are enough restrictions in place and I think the San Jose budget needs to be revised.

I demand that funding be reallocated from the police budget and into public programming, particularly public housing, public education and community programs. Also bailouts for small businesses affected by COVID19 and rent relief.

I believe we could source these funds from SJPD by putting a complete freeze in rehiring of new officers to replace those retiring. And firing or placing officers on an unpaid leave if they have a recorded history of domestic violence, racial discrimination or violence. Also making officers records public would make it easier to hold them accountable.

I demand a ban on the use of rubber bullets and tear gas.

I demand a ban on the use of chokeholds and carotid holds and a ban on no-knock warrants in drug cases.

I am urging you to take a closer look and revise our city budget for the next year, thank you for listening to your community.

Ashley Piper

**From:** Rosa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Rosa 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.

**From:** Sehej Singh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** CouncilMeeting <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda #3.6 - DEFUND SJPD

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Sehej Singh and I am a resident of East San Jose. I am writing this because this memo does not go nearly far enough in making sure our communities are free of police violence. Let me emphasize, REFORMS WILL NOT WORK NOW!!

Mayor Liccardo, I saw your tweets this morning attempting to clarify the budget for SJPD -- however, it still appears that the budget for SJPD is still way out of proportion compared to other parts of the budgets -- especially for what is spent on affordable housing and interventions for homelessness (SJPD spending is close to 900X more than housing). The first step to meet your people's demands is to DEFUND the police! The 8 Can't Wait reforms are NOT WORKING!!!!

San Jose has had a history of violence in communities of color in San Jose. City of San Jose must DIVEST funding from SJPD. These are just a few of our demands to divest:

- Dismantle units such as VCET, MERGE, Covert Response and Street Crime Unit that have displayed the highest propensity for violence against Black and Brown communities and criminalize poverty
- Dismantle the Mayor's Youth Gang Task Force which is a law enforcement surveillance and targeting mechanism disguised as youth services
- Eliminate paid administrative leave for police facing misconduct charges.
- Restrict SJPD from receiving funding for equipment from our State and Federal government.
- Disarm the police by cutting their non-personal/equipment budget.
- DO NOT allocate City funding for the defense of officers who shoot, maim, or injure our loved ones due to police violence.

We also demand the City to INVEST:

- Allocate grant funds to Brown and other low-income communities, prioritizing areas that are over-policed and under-resourced.
- Fund the development of a new sector of first responders to directly respond to 911 calls for help. These responders should replace police as responsible in calls relating, but not limited to, mental health, violence, sexual assault/gender-based violence and abuse, and substance abuse. These responders should be trained in de-escalation practices, transformative/restorative justice, and other ways of intentionally addressing the calls.

Your residents of San Jose have more demands. We are watching you and we have power. These are DEMANDS not requests!!!

-Sehej Singh  
Resident of East San Jose

**From:** Charisse Domingo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.1 (6/15/2020 Meeting): Joint Letter of Demands regarding San Jose City Budget

Please include for the City Council Mtg 6/15/2020. Thank you.

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**From:** Beija Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 11, 2020 at 3:31 PM  
**Subject:** Joint Letter of Demands regarding San Jose City Budget  
**To:** <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>  
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Rudy Cardenas, Richard Harpo Jacquez, Jacob Dominguez, Antonio Guzman Lopez, Richard Lua, Isai Lopez, Jesus Geney Montes, Anthony Nuñez, Daniel Pham, Aaron James Phillips, Steve Salinas, Diana Showman, Bich Cau Thi Tran, Phillip Watkins, Jennifer Vasquez, and the people of the city of San Jose in support; we are attaching a joint letter in regards to the demands of these families and the community you were appointed to serve. This letter

has been reviewed, signed, and supported by over 2,600 community members who represent as constituents every district the City Council serves along with over 30+ community organizations who rally with the demands of these families.

In Strength and Hope,

The Impacted, DeBug, and the People of the City of San Jose.

Date: June 12, 2020

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Police Chief Garcia and City Council Members

Subject: Add To Our Police, Don't Cut Their Funding. Disregard The Anarchists

I am writing this letter over the grave concern that I have about some activists people in our city, or from other cities, trying to discredit and vilify our police department and thereby attempt to reduce our valuable police department or worse, and put our safety at great risk.

I commend our Mayor and Police Chief for standing tall against the violent protestors who changed the character of a peaceful protest against George Floyd's killing into a mob of looters and violent thugs trying to destroy businesses and attack anyone that was not accepting their mission including our police, businesses, and peaceful citizens. They sought to disrupt and destroy parts of our city which is well beyond their constitutional rights. Our Mayor and Police Chief took measured action to save our downtown and our many businesses from what has happened in New York, Minneapolis and Seattle and many other cities out of control that would not confront these criminals.

The peaceful marches protesting of the heinous act in Minneapolis by some rogue policemen in that city does not paint our police department in the same way. While I am sure there are needed reforms in how to deal with certain criminal acts, this does not justify attacking any policemen trying to do their sworn duty to serve and to protect US.

Last year, our home was broken into, and thanks to our police officers on duty that day, they quickly responded to my wife's 911 call. They made sure that she was safe and searched our home to insure that this criminal was no longer there. When I got home and spoke with the officers, they were highly professional and made sure that my wife and I, and our neighbors, were alright. They were courteous and sympathetic to our situation. Thank God they were there to help.

This is one of many experiences that I have seen in our local neighborhood with our police responding to very difficult safety concerns. Our police are the one thin blue line between peace, order, and safety versus criminal chaos and anarchy as we have been watching non-stop on our TVs the past two weeks.

The death of George Floyd was a criminal act and those bad police officers are being incarcerated as they should. People should rightly protest any truly malicious acts of police beyond their duty and responsibility. Yet, when peaceful protests turn into mob rule with harmful and deadly consequences to police and citizens with wanton destruction, then those violent protestors become the criminals needing swift and strong action by our appointed authorities.

Back in 2009 we faced the loss of both budget and substantial police staffing as a result of the great recession. In the next several years we saw growing crime throughout our city and in our VEP South San Jose neighborhood where I live. Fewer police meant greater crime and property loss to us citizens and taxpayers. Thankfully, the hard efforts by our Mayor and past council and police representatives we have added back more police and are seeing more trainees going through our great police academy.

Now, again, in the heat of emotion, many good intentions by poorly aware people are calling for the cutting of our police force. Some, even want our police eliminated. If this ever happened, our city would fall into total chaos with no one there to protect the citizens or businesses and answer our 911 calls. Major investment in our downtown would be abandoned, and many taxpayers (the source of city revenues) would give up and move elsewhere, leaving us with a desolate scene with crime and criminals like the MS-13 gang and drug merchants running freely and with a bigger unfunded city budget deficit with everyone crying for free stuff!!

Then, the only protection would be the residents themselves self-arming and policing their own neighborhoods, like Willow Glen did several years ago when no one was available in the police department to answer the call. What is that risk to all?

So, now is the time to think soberly as our Mayor and Police Chief have shown. Now, is the time to add more professional police help to achieve full police staffing and add more training to our police academy and active police training programs to avoid controversial practices. Now, is the time to reject the easy cry to cut our police from emotionally charged, yet mindless people.

We cannot afford to turn our city over to criminals, anarchists and extreme agenda Mob people. Now, is the time to reinforce our city as one of the safest in the U.S. As council members, you must lead and protect the peace, not destroy our very tools and resources that protect us.

Safety and our police are our #1 city priority and core service. You have nothing left, including our tax base, if our citizens are not safe from the violent, the criminals and the Mob. You cannot afford to turn social justice goals into crime and mayhem. It is not the police that we should fear.

Sincerely.

Craig Ash

**From:** Kenna Valdez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Regarding Agenda Item 3.1, Letter from a San Jose Resident

[External Email]

Hello,

In the name, spirit, and memory of those killed by San Jose police, we — the families of those killed by the San Jose Police Department, the supporting community, and those who have called for Black Lives Matter from the streets — submit this letter demanding the defunding of the San Jose Police Department.

To fully grasp the urgency and sanctity of this call, before reading the arguments, analysis, and reasoning collectively crafted below, we ask you first to say out loud the names of San Jose loved ones who have been killed by law enforcement and whose families author and lead this cry for justice:

*Rudy Cardenas, Richard Harpo Jacquez, Jacob Dominguez, Antonio Guzman Lopez, Richard Lua, Isai Lopez, Jesus Geney Montes, Anthony Nuñez, Daniel Pham, Aaron James Phillips, Steve Salinas, Diana Showman, Cau Bich Tran, Phillip Watkins, Jennifer Vasquez.*

These are names you should know by now, and is not even an exhaustive list of the lives taken by law enforcement in San Jose. The families of those murdered by police in San Jose have been calling for justice and accountability for years. They have united to find strength and solace to organize through their tragedy, and the call for ending police violence, to replace lethal police functions with community responses, to divest from the weaponry that took their loved ones lives are mandates that they have long made a local struggle and now is echoed as a resounding national, history-changing, movement. As the renown abolitionist Angela Davis noted in a recent interview, in regards to the magnitude of this moment she says, “We have never experienced this kind of global challenge to racism and the consequences of slavery.”

The murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis ignited not only a new national consciousness, it has inspired unprecedented political action across the country and globe. San Jose has been no exception. Our community — led by young Black and brown leaders — have boldly and beautifully ceased the city, chanting, marching, protesting to say the injustice will not be ignored, the murders must stop, and Black Lives Matter.

The City of San Jose responded to the righteous protests by launching flash bang grenades that shatter eardrums. The City of San Jose let loose barrages of rubber bullets at point blank range that seriously injured protestors who are there to denounce the very treatment they’re receiving at the hands of the San José Police Department, leaving our own community wounded, traumatized, and, for some, perhaps unable to even have children that can grow and flourish in this beautiful community.

They shot tear gas at us as we chanted “I Can’t Breathe” through withered facemasks, while Jared Yuen, “a good kid” in uniform, with your name on their badge leered at us, gun cocked, and yelled, “Shut up B—ch”.

Communities like ours, around the country and the world, have been taking to the streets in the hundreds and thousands in support of the Black Lives Matter movement since the hideous murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, and countless others at the hands of their own police departments. The Black Lives Matter call started as a response to Trayvon Martin’s unjust murder and is a platform for black and brown communities to fight for justice, freedom and liberation through community organizing and action.

After decades of broken promises and empty reforms, Black and Brown communities continue to be the targets and victims of police violence, abuse, incarceration, as the budget for SJPD balloons at the expense of community programs. The numbers are irrefutable — 44% of the general fund department's budget is committed to the police as housing, parks, education, and health needs are deprioritized and stripped of resources. The budget allocation is an articulation of this perpetuated systemic racism upheld by elected city officials.

But now, San Jose, through this upcoming budget decision, has an opportunity to move to the right side of history, and our families and communities implore you to be responsive to the demands that is ancestral in the making, that are from San Jose parents who will not hold their children again, of kids who now grow up without mothers and fathers, and is for future generations to come.

The following demands are organized as a divest in police and invest in community framework. Each of our two major sections labeled “Defund” and “Reallocate” has itemized demands which were collectively researched, analyzed, and agreed upon. Each demand stems directly from the experiences of the families who lost loved ones to police and the urgent needs of San Jose’s Black and Brown communities.

## DIVEST

- Remove police officers from the force who were responsible for officer involved shootings.
- Dismantle units such as VCET, MERGE, Covert Response and Street Crimes Unit that have displayed the highest propensity for violence against Black and Brown communities and criminalize poverty.
- Dismantle the Mayor’s Youth Gang Task Force which is a law enforcement surveillance and targeting mechanism disguised as youth services.
- Eliminate paid administrative leave for police facing misconduct charges.
- Do not allocate City funding for the defense of officers who shoot, maim, or injure our loved ones due to police violence.
- Discontinue all future hires and training, and remove any current openings, beginning in the fiscal year 2020-2021.
- Restrict further use of the \$178 million CARES Act funding to: hire, recruit, or expand SJPD force; prepay pensions for SJPD officers; purchase additional tools, materials, or supplies; contribute to construction or repairs of any Police-related buildings, offices, or facilities; fund redistricting efforts; or fund the perpetuity or expansion of police-related activities.
- Disarm the police by cutting their non-personal/equipment budget.
- Demilitarize the SJPD by restricting the department from receiving funding for equipment from our State and Federal government.

## INVEST

- Allocate grant funds only accessible to black led community organizations.
- Provide funds for immediate and long term support for individuals and families impacted by police violence.
- Allocate grant funds to Brown and other low-income communities, prioritizing areas that are over policed and under resourced.
- Fund the development of a new sector of first responders to directly respond to 911 calls for help.
- Fund long term mental health resources.

- Use the CARES Act funding to immediately relieve the rent of all those unable to pay their rent during shelter in place orders.  
Provide long term funding to support San Jose's housing needs and investment in San Jose's community-led land trust.
- Reallocate and restore funding for community parks and recreation spaces and programming.
- Restore funding for San José Public Library staffing and programming.

We as a united San Jose community formally submit the above listed demands as a necessary shifting of resources to match the values, principles, and immediate needs of our people. We call on each of you as elected officials to fulfill your responsibilities to the people of San Jose and honor the vision laid out which guided by families who lost loved ones to police, and is rooted in the safety and well-being of all of our residents. We will not tolerate any more taking of lives by police, and certainly will not accept the murders to be facilitated through our public dollars especially while critical community resources remain depleted. This demand to defund the police is as much about stripping an institution of the budget it has used to harm and kill, as it is at the same time an intentional re-investing in a community budget, particularly Black and Brown San Jose communities, who have been drained of resources systemically for generations.

Our call is as practical and timely as it is aspirational and forward-looking. We are ready create a San Jose where our impacted and targeted communities imagines and determines what safety and well-being looks like and means for all of us. And we fully know, without a doubt, that this demand letter articulates our first and most critical foundational step in making that San Jose a reality.

Respectfully,

Kenna Valdez

**From:** Megan Leberknight <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 7:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item Number 3.1 for 6/15 meeting

[External Email]

To the San Jose City Council and especially Ms. Davis,

My name is Megan Leberknight. I am a resident of district 6. I urge all members of city council to DEFUND THE POLICE. Instead, use that money in the budget to invest in resources that will actually help your constituents instead of terrorizing Black people and people of color. LISTEN to your constituents and take our voices seriously. You must especially listen to Black people and people of color and take their voices seriously.

Ms. Davis, I am absolutely ashamed to be your constituent because I am furious about your atrocious record of helping increase the number of police officers, who have recently tear gassed protestors and fired rubber bullets at them to antagonize them, to name just two of many abuses.

DOES THAT SOUND LIKE SERVING AND PROTECTING TO ANY OF YOU?!

Please take a moment and think, really think, about what it would feel like to be tear gassed, and what it would feel like to be hit with a rubber bullet, and then think about what it would feel like to be tear gassed or hit with a rubber bullet when you were just exercising your First Amendment right.

Then after you've taken those moments, DEFUND THE SJPD.

**Instead, INVEST IN THE COMMUNITIES YOU CLAIM TO CARE SO MUCH ABOUT.**

Black lives matter.

We are all watching you to see if you know that too. And especially in this case, actions speak louder than words.

Sincerely,  
Megan Leberknight

From: Abby Catolico <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:54 AM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Agenda 3.1

[External Email]

For the proposed city budget \$221 million for the police department is absolutely absurd and does not benefit the public at all. During this movement we demand to divest this money from SJPD and invest in our communities. We demand to:

- Allocate grant funds only accessible to Black-led community organizations.
- Provide funds for immediate and long term support for individuals and families impacted by police violence.
- Allocate grant funds to brown and low-income communities, prioritizing areas that are OVER-policed and UNDER-resourced.
- Fund long-term mental health resources.
- Provide long-term funding to support San Jose's housing needs.
- Reallocate and restore funding for community parks and recreation spaces and programming.
- REMOVE POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE FORCE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS.
- DISMANTLE UNITS SUCH AS VCET, MERGE, COVERT RESPONSE, AND STREET CRIMES UNIT THAT HAVE DISPLAYED THE HIGHEST PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES AND CRIMINALIZE POVERTY.
- RESTRICT FURTHER USE OF THE \$178 MILLION CARES ACT FUNDING TO: HIRE, RECRUIT, OR EXPAND SJPD FORCE; PREPAY PENSIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS; PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TOOLS, RESOURCES, AND SUPPLIES; OR FUND THE PERPETUITY OR EXPANSION OF POLICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Thank you

**From:** Emily Cannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 7:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 6/15 agenda item 3.1

[External Email]

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

In a time of crisis, to continue funding a police department at obscenely high levels compared to social services is a slap in the face of struggling, marginalized San Jose residents. "Reform" is needed--but not at the expense of programs that directly help people, especially when those "reforms" have no teeth. I join those voices calling not only for reform, but defunding our police department. What the people need is a new vision for what safety and emergency response can be. There are better, more effective ways to save money right now. Your actions today speak volumes on your priorities. I urge you not to pass the budget as it's currently allocated.

Emily N Cannon  
San Jose District 3

From: MOLLIE MCLEOD <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:36 AM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Public Safety Budget

[External Email]

My message to San Jose City Council today:

I am a SJ resident and I worked for CSJ for 21 years.

We need to do better. Please vote for a "public safety" budget that will prepare SJ for a Killer Quake and Fire season power shut offs. This means shifting CARE \$ and GF. There is no Office of Disability Access and this shows up in so many ways. My friend, Chris Fitzgerald, had to call me to get out of the Emergency Operations Center bathroom in Oct 2019 because the double doors were (are?) a barrier preventing her power chair from exiting by herself. She was a volunteer and works for Silicon Valley Independent Living Center. I notice the Covid-19 webpage for CSJ (virtual local assistance center) still does not have basic info and links despite several of us bringing this up weeks ago. No CSJ dept consistently uses alt text and image descriptions to ensure public safety info embedded in images is described in a usable way for those using screen readers. An investment in building a strong team of anti-racist and anti-ableist workers accountable to the neighborhoods and communities harmed by redlining and underfunded parks, libraries, etc makes a lot of sense. Right?

Mollie McLeod

**From:** LisaB <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 7:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Question for SJ Budget meeting today

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In addition to the \$150,000 in police overtime diverted to a review of use of force policy, will you consider revising this budget to fund unarmed public safety representatives who can be dispatched to non-violent incident calls, especially in minority communities, such as the one with Rayshard Brooks?

Lisa & Jeff Boissier

From: Jennifer LaBreche <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:04 AM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Letters from the Public Agenda Item 3.1

Hello-

This is in response to the reprehensible conduct of SJPD towards protesters in downtown San Jose with tear gas and rubber bullets while they were lawfully exercising their right to peacefully protest under constitution, and the amount of money allocated to the SJPD in the budget.

I am a homeowner in San Jose and I pay very high taxes and I want the city of San Jose to divest in the police and put that money into programs that help individuals in the city of San Jose.

1. Remove police officers from the force who were responsible for officer-involved shootings.
2. Dismantle units such as VCET, MERGE, Covert Response, and Street Crimes Unit that have displayed the highest propensity for violence against Black and Brown communities and criminalize poverty.
3. Dismantle the Mayor's Youth Gang Task Force, which is a law enforcement surveillance and targeting mechanism disguised as youth services.
4. Eliminate paid administrative leave for police facing misconduct charges.
5. Do not allocate City funding for the defense of officers who shoot, main, or injure our loved ones due to police violence.
6. Discontinue all future hires and training and remove any current openings, beginning in the fiscal year 2020-2021.
7. Restrict further use of the \$178 million CARES Act funding to hire, recruit, or expand SJPD force, prepay pensions for SJPD officers or purchase additional supplies.
8. disarm the policy by cutting their non-personal/equipment budget.
9. Restrict the SJPD from receiving funding for equipment from our State and Federal government.

Instead, invest the money in these programs:

1. Allocate grant funds only accessible to Black-led community organizations.
2. Provide funds for immediate and long term support for individuals and families impacted by police violence.
3. Allocate grant funds Black and brown low-income communities, prioritizing areas that are over policed and under resources.
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8. Reallocate and restore funding for parks and recreation spaces and more funding for education in under funded communities.  
Restore funding for San Jose Public Library staffing and programming.

Help the people in our community of San Jose!

Thank you,

Jennifer LaBreche

From: Kristan Suko <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:07 AM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Agenda Item Number 3.1

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Kristan Suko and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that you defund SJPD and reallocated the funds to alternative, non-violent, community based safety programs that tackle the root of the problem itself by uplifting the most vulnerable populations. It is unethical to cut the budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses and giving over 30% to the Police Department who not only doesn't effectively solve any problems, but actively threatens the safety and lives of Black and Brown people.

The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. Reform does not work when the system itself is the problem. The fact that innocent Black people are still getting murdered by police after years of reform proves that fact. The only solution is to defund the police and reallocate the much needed funds back into the low income communities of Black and Brown neighborhoods to help them thrive and eliminate the need for crime. And to also invest in alternative solutions such as housing for the homeless and people of low income, mental health programs and crisis intervention, de-escalation teams of citizens for domestic abuse calls, medical teams for drug abuse intervention services, and unarmed non-violent city employees to deal with traffic stops. Violent crime should be handled by people who live in that community in a way they see fit and who are accountable only to them. The money in the police budget could more than cover all these services and then some.

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.

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.

Kristan Suko

**From:** kathryn hedges <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 12:12 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]>  
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<[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
District2 <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Ray Montgomery <[REDACTED]> Nancy Palmer Jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Police Funding and the 95 Theses of Public Safety

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers:

As you know, I am a constituent and a neighbor to City Hall. I've been at many protests and listened to many hours of public comment about the problems with SJP. Sunday's march from City Hall to Civic Center was peaceful without the worry of being shot with rubber bullets or choking on tear gas. But we honored the many San Jose residents killed by SJP who are not here to complain about shattered kneecaps or gonads, as well as advocating for abandoning this racist system.

I was shocked and dismayed to learn that 44% of our city budget goes to SJP and this is why we "can't afford" to provide city services that would help strengthen our community. This is the local government equivalent of the Pentagon always having funds for missiles but HUD has to cut housing funding and we can't afford Medicare For All.

I appreciated what Councilmember Peralez had to say on Friday about how many police calls are for issues that either don't require an armed sworn police officer or that are made worse by police response. The police should not be enforcing health codes on food vendors; the Health Department should do that. The police should not be trying to talk people off bridges; the Crisis Team should do that. The police should not be harassing unhoused folks for "quality of life" issues that are just criminalizing being unhoused; the Crisis Team or Housing Department should help them get housing and supports. If the City's budget for housing is such a tiny fraction of the total, it would take very little of the police budget to increase Housing by a factor of 10 and end "homelessness" as we know it.

Sunday afternoon, I joined about 300 other members of local faith groups to deliver our 95 Theses of Public Safety to the police department. We marched peacefully from City Hall to the County Jail building and read all 95 theses to the crowd before gaff taping the banner of 95 Theses to the barricade in front of the jail entrance. This action could have been larger if we had waited--but we needed to act in time for the City to incorporate our requests in the budget.

<https://www.95thesespublicsafety.org/>

Just as Luther's 95 theses changed the world forever, we can change our city by following these guidelines.

Please use this budget as an opportunity to spend more on the things that level the playing field for disadvantaged people and communities, and less on harmful policing that merely enforces a cycle of poverty and crime.

You can do this!

In solidarity,

Kathryn Hedges

**From:** Niranjanaa Jeeva <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo  
<[REDACTED]> Shannon, Jim <[REDACTED]> BudgetOffice  
<[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.1 | Revise the city budget

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Niranjanaa Jeeva and I am a resident of San Jose. So many voices from our community have called to reduce San Jose Police Department funding. I urge the city council to listen to our demands, to truly represent your constituents. Revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Redirect policing funds towards social and public programming. San Jose's homeless population has jumped 42% in the past year. We have a duty to provide adequate housing and support to the people in our community. Why are we cutting funding for the library, for parks, for housing, for transportation, while spending \$447 million on the police department and \$5 million on golf courses?

This is a time of reckoning around the nation. I ask the San Jose city council to stand on the right side of history, to decide the future of this city with justice, empathy, and progress in mind.

Thank you,

Niranjanaa Jeeva

**From:** Sarah Hollingsworth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** City Budget Meeting 6/15/2020 - AGENDA ITEM 3.1

[External Email]

Dear San Jose City Leaders-

My name is Sarah Hollingsworth, and I am a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice at Sacred Heart. I am an active voter, a resident of Campbell, and a teacher in Los Gatos. It's clear that the SJPD isn't keeping people safe. During these challenging times, we need to re-invest the budget allocated for police to community-led health and safety strategies. It is unacceptable that the police department is granted a larger sum of money from the general budget during the COVID-19 budget shortfall, all while community programs are being cut.

I stand with SURJ and other community organizations that demand an immediate reduction of police funding by 50% including reduced field patrol, closing the METRO (VERGE and VSET) program, the Street Crimes Unit, and the Covert Response Unit within Investigations. We demand termination of police officers for any involvement in police shootings, excessive force, corruption, sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic abuse, or discrimination. We demand that the City eliminate the Mayor's Youth Gang Task Force, as law enforcement uses the task force to covertly surveil black and brown youth. We demand that \$19 million from the CARES ACT be reallocated from the police to renters on the brink of eviction. We demand that you reallocate the funds cut from policing to community-led "alternatives to policing," the Black community, the underserved community, and underfunded community programs.

It is imperative that white people and our city leaders take responsibility for the ways that systemic racism and white supremacy are perpetuated through institutions like our government and the police. It is your duty to dismantle structures that continue to oppress people of color, especially people who identify as Black, Indigenous, and Latinx. This includes our undocumented residents who are particularly vulnerable.

This is not just a matter of equity and justice it is a matter of liberation for us all. Systems of oppression are bad for society, all the way around. It is vital that we understand our real history as a country that was stolen from Indigenous people and then built on the backs of enslaved people who were stolen from their lands. The police, as an institution, was originally designed as an extension of slavery and it continues to be a source of terror for my students, friends, neighbors, and loved ones of color. As the civil rights leader Fanny Lou Hamer once said, "Nobody is free until everybody is free."

If the San Jose City leaders are unable to take cues from and consult the many leaders of color in this community and around the country who have already been calling for us to divest from the police and invest in services for the community, then expect us to vote for other civil servants who will.

Thank you for your time-  
Sarah Hollingsworth

From: Kate Jackson <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:53 PM  
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1

[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 continuing 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

**From:** Alyssa Raguini <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Concerns of Budget Proposal

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Upon continuing my research I noticed the budget for devices to be purchased for OGSD. However, if there was more money in the education fund in general, we wouldn't now have to be doing fundraising or digging into other funds such as CRF to purchase these necessary educational tools for students in these times. In order for students to learn and live in such a technological world they need these types of resources in the classroom which is a lot of money as new devices are updated yearly. It is important to plan for and have a budget set aside for such reasons.

Yet another reason the police budget does not to be so high and education should have a higher budget then less than 10%.

Thank you for listening,  
Alyssa

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On Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 4:42 PM Alyssa Raguini <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Hello,

My name is Alyssa and I am from San Jose, Ca. Being a resident here my whole life, I have a true passion for the city in which I grew up. It concerns me that in the following proposed budget (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=59606>) there is little mention of education.

I was very frustrated when I read: "But if "defund" merely represents a mechanism by which we slash police budgets as a means to express protest, I disagree strongly. The appropriate response to protest is to reform, not to defund." Yet education has been defunded for years. Why have we not decided to "reform" the education budget? Instead we take away enrichment opportunities for children in music, PE, art, science, and social studies. Where was the reform then?

The little mention of education in the budget is to allocate 11,000 hot spots provided by AT&T to support learning in the fall and close the digital divide. Awesome, great plan. However, 11,000 is a very small percentage of the population of children who need access to the internet. How do you plan to allocate the hotspot resource? Many companies offering to provide "free" hotspots in the beginning of COVID required people to register online. How could they if they do not have the internet to start with? Many families also come against a language barrier. How will you ensure families who do not speak English as their first language will have access to apply for such an opportunity? Again an awesome plan because there are families who need the internet, however, be sure there are enough resources and families with certain barriers will be able to have the same opportunity.

On the other hand, access to the internet may not even be the problem. It is a lack of devices. Students at home have siblings and parents who have to work from home as well. Many families are limited to one device. This may cause interference with one student who has to turn in work at a certain time or a student who may miss their live Zoom/Google hangout class. There was no mention in this in the Digital Divide section as this is a digital divide. Many families can not afford multiple devices.

All in all, I don't think a 44% budget would be hurt with a 5-10% decrease in funds. The police budget in our city takes up nearly half of the budget. A reallocation of those funds could support other areas to continue to make our city of San Jose, of the best, biggest and safest cities in the world. You said it yourself in the proposal that our law enforcement is

not the same size as other large cities in the US including LA, then maybe our budget should not be the same size as theirs?

With Love from a concerned citizen of San Jose,  
Alyssa

**From:** Nikita Jain <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 12:37 PM

**Cc:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> District1  
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** San Jose Resident Demands Better

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Nikita Jain and I am a San Jose resident. I am writing to demand from my representatives that funding be 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 (BIPOC).

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. It is unacceptable that the police, which is supposed to keep its residents safe, does the opposite, particularly for its BIPOC constituents. Reforming the police is not acceptable. We need to reallocate the budget that goes to the police, to go elsewhere - teachers, schooling, social care services, mental health services, health care services, to name a few.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. It is your duty to protect your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me. #BlackLivesMatter

Thank you for your time.

Thank you,  
Nikita Jain

**From:** Lauren Baines <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Diep, Lan <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Davis, Dev <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Sykes, Dave <[REDACTED]> Shannon, Jim <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 6/15 Budget Hearing - Reinvest in our Community

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Council Members, City of San Jose Representatives,

My name is Lauren Baines and I am a resident of San Jose's District 6, living in the Shasta Hanchett Park neighborhood. I am contacting you about the 2020-2021 budget.

As a member of this community, I will not stand for the cutting of funding for community resources such as the San Jose Public Library, traffic safety and street improvements, Parks Maintenance, Viva Calle and Viva Parks, and the Equity Strategy for Allocating Funding.

Cutting funding for these invaluable resources directly hurts populations that need more support, and will detrimentally impact the greater community of San Jose.

We need to fund housing, education, mental health, and community resources. Our communities are suffering, morale is low, and patience is thin. We need leaders who are willing to reimagine and reinvest in our community. Do not deprive our community of parks and community events, library hours, and social services. And while I thank Mayor Liccardo for addressing the arts in his memo and looking to direct some funds towards the City's Cultural Grants, making up 40% of a 70% loss is not enough and is going to severely restrict the ability of arts and culture organizations, and individuals, to serve our communities that are needing them to help heal. Artists are our second responders, in times of crisis we should be lifting them up not casting them aside.

You are choosing to significantly reduce funding for community-oriented programs, though barely reducing the SJPD budget (<1%), while police brutality is hurting our communities. This should be unacceptable to you as elected officials expected to act in our best interests. We are far beyond reform.

I urge you not to pass this city budget as it is currently allocated, and to shift funding away from the SJPD in favor of increasing funding for community-led programs that provide access and public resources for those who need it most.

A concerned member of this community,

Lauren Baines

**From:** Sudeep A. <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:49 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]> District1  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] Garcia, Edgardo <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED] City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Please help reimagine public safety

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Sudeep and I am a constituent/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 police department here 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. It's time we invest in our communities more than a domestic army. Retributive justice has not functioned to uplift society.

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 for your time,

Sudeep Aditham

**From:** Ana Araujo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:31 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Please Create a Community-Oriented Budget for San Jose

[External Email]

To the San Jose City Council:

I am writing as a born and raised San Jose City resident.

I am writing to ask that you vote for a city budget that prioritizes our community's safety and quality of life concerns for our families. As a parent of two elementary school aged children I ask that the city invest in our schools and community resources such as parks and libraries. We need to invest in the future of our city in an equitable way. Our streets in my area (District 7) need regrading, as do many of the bike trails, and there are numerous public parks that could use significant improvements.

By financially over-investing in our police forces we send the wrong message to our children - that they need to be policed and/or that their neighbors do too. This is the opposite of creating a safe and loving community. How about we invest the things that will bring about a better future for them?

We need to invest in those services that work towards building a just, equitable community in San Jose - one that is accountable to the varied residents of this wonderful city. I ask that our city budget reflect these concerns rather than an approach that leaves many community residents feeling like they are seen as the enemy.

Thank you.

Ana Araujo

**From:** norka <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 8:36 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]> District2 <[REDACTED]>  
District3 <[REDACTED]> District4 <[REDACTED]> District5 <[REDACTED]> District 6  
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<[REDACTED]> District 10 <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Agenda Item Number 3.1

[External Email]

Hello,

My name is Norka Espinal, I live in San Jose, CA. The purpose of this email is to demand funds to be reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our community. I think it is unbelievable that 44% of the city funding goes towards the police department.

The rise in overtime pay of SJPd officers is more often than not being paid to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused and black, indigenous, and people of color.

I, along with others, demand that the City Council defund SJPd. We, among others across the country are calling to defund the police. We are demanding 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 are demanding a budget that supports our community and its wellbeing, rather than empowering the police.

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Norka Espinal

To: San Jose Mayor and City Council;  
200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA. 95113

Attention City Clerk

Subject: Budget of the City of San Jose

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

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Decisions in the city budget today will affect me directly in both my present and my future in nearly all aspects of my life. I urge you to consider increasing funding to other sections of the budget, such as housing in order to better our infrastructure, and public works to better our city in terms of equity. Additionally, I urge you to decrease funding for the San Jose Police Department in order to make up for these deficits.

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