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Subject: Letter in Support of Agenda Item #6

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Dear San Jose City Council,

I write in support of the Adoption of Agenda Item #6 in tomorrow's City Council meeting on June 24, 2020 at 2pm.

The Greater Downtown San Jose Recovery Task Force letter submitted to Council supports the Task Force's recommendations in detail to support a San Jose Recovery.

As a member of the Arts and Events subcommittee, well led by Brendan Rawson and Wisa Uemura, we worked collaboratively to offer solutions to Downtown during the Covid 19 pandemic environment, and on through a strong recovery period. As leaders of arts and culture organizations in Downtown, we are employers and bring cultural tourists to the Downtown corridor -- bringing critical dollars as well as an engaged sense of Public Life.

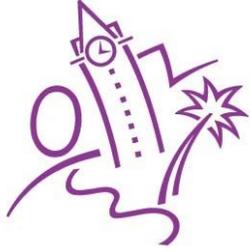
The Task Force created the Recommendations with the consensus of all the subcommittees -- working together to unite to make Downtown great again. All of our organizations were hit heavily by the reduction of operating funds from the OCA, all of our organizations' earned revenue went to zero since the Shelter in Place County Order. We are devoted to the comeback of a lively downtown, and need your help to ensure our collective success.

To comply with City and County orders we need your help, and we urge that you ***support the initiative and agendize the initiative for the June 30th City Council Meeting for approval.***

I am aware that the City is facing many challenges, and we look forward to working with you hand in hand to make our Downtown lively, safe and culturally enriched again.

With gratitude,

Sayre



**SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN
ASSOCIATION**

The Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

June 23, 2020

RE: Greater Downtown Task Force Recommendations, Agenda Item #6, June 24, 2020 City Council
Rules & Open Government Committee Meeting

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

The San Jose Downtown Association, representing more than 2000 member businesses, voices its support for Councilman Perez's memorandum ROGC 20-251 on the recommendations of the Greater Downtown Recovery Task Force. Many SJDA members took part in the task force discussions and we agree with all nine of their carefully considered recommendations. We request that the memo in its entirety be moved to the full Council for adoption.

Sincerely,



Scott Knies
Executive Director