

From: Michele Lew [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:06 PM
To: BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Kyra Kazantzis [REDACTED]
Subject: Mon 6/29/2020 Special Joint Meeting - Item 3d

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June 28, 2020

Dear Honorable Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and San Jose City Council:

During the pandemic, local nonprofit food and meal providers have dramatically expanded food and meal distribution services throughout Santa Clara County. We have worked collaboratively with the County and the City to meet the growing food insecurity in our community.

To strengthen our collaborative service delivery model, we respectfully request the following:

By July 3, establish a mutually agreed-upon steering group of County, City, and nonprofit leaders to plan coordinated food distribution strategy and actions. This group should include school district leaders.

By July 10, convene a meeting at which the steering committee would discuss:

- Nonprofit contracting updates and commitments
- City/County coordination updates
- Framework for ongoing meetings
- Framework for decision-making
- Convening necessary subcommittees.

By the end of July, have a big tent meeting where:

- Cross-sector food leaders would be introduced (or re-introduced)
- The pandemic food distribution community would report to the larger food community
- Food needs could be discussed in the context of future COVID-19 waves and the longer-term recession
- The Food Systems Alliance could provide an update about their planning and coordination work about food system resiliency
- Next steps for coordination could be established.

We appreciate Supervisor Chavez's recent referral for the County to launch a systems planning effort involving food, agriculture, restaurant and other food businesses, et al., and would like our proposed next steps to align with existing planning efforts.

Please let Kyra Kazantzis, Executive Director, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, at kyrak@svcnn.org know the appropriate County and City staff designees with whom we should coordinate next steps. We look forward to continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Gregory Kepferle, CEO
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Gisela Bushey, Executive Director
Loaves & Fishes

Bill Lee, Executive Director
Martha's Kitchen

Sibella Kraus, Founder and President
SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Education)

Leslie Bacho, CEO, and Tracy Weatherby, Vice President of Strategy and Advocacy
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

Kyra Kazantzis, CEO
Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

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From: Nathan Park [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:08 AM

To: [REDACTED] Cortese, Dave
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Subject: COVID-19 Response



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Dear Council and Elected Officials,

My name is Nathan Park.

As a resident of the Mayfair Community in District 5, I implore you to care for our Black and Brown communities. When white people discovered that COVID disproportionately affects Black and Brown communities, they stopped caring. I believe we witnessed a nationwide cry to reopen from the white community because their own economic livelihoods were at stake. Why is the white community so present in BLM protests now? Where were they in 2014-2015? I believe if we weren't in a pandemic, white people wouldn't care as much. To the discomfort of many white americans who, perhaps for the first time in their lives, feared for their "safety and security," I say, welcome to every day in America for People of Color. Now, buckle up and let's do something.

Now, with that, the racial and social inequity displayed through San Jose's response to this global pandemic have let people without work and a bureaucratic clog for aid distribution. Our undocumented population receives neither stimulus check, nor unemployment benefits adding forcing them to take jobs in this time with greater risk to exposure. I believe the numbers speak for themselves as the 4 zip codes with the highest death/infection rates are all on the east side.

How do we expect these Mothers, Fathers, families, children, to be able to live well when San Jose provides little to no financial or medical aid for them? If money were actually a shortage, then why keep a \$440 Million dollar police budget? Why not allocate some of this budget towards keeping families in their homes during the pandemic? Why not contribute to Sacred Heart's emergency housing fund? You say we need the police to respond to domestic violence calls, to maintain the safety of our communities, wiping out unhoused encampments, but giving aid to low income communities of color may help address the root of these issues. Funding the police to handle these calls does not address the problems themselves. The police simply aggravate the situation.

Therefore, I call for:

- 1) Defund the Police and allocate funds towards COVID relief/community investment
- 2) Cancel Rent/Mortgage
- 3) Commit at least \$3.2, the amount designated for city reserves, towards Sacred Heart's housing fund

Mayor Licardo, you said yourself when you urged residents to shelter in place at the expense of the economy that money can be made again, but people's lives cannot be brought back. If you truly believe this, then you would advocate for spending big to save lives of people hurting during this time. To all of council, I know these are hard times and you are exhausted. I thank you for your service, but as public servants, I ask that you do better and that you not only listen to the people who have elected you into office, but act in their interest.

In Community Spirit,

Nathan Park

From: Omar Vasquez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:51 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Covid-19 responds.

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Dear Councilmember, Maya Esparza and all elected officials. My name is Omar Vasquez, and I'm writing to you as a resident of San José District 7,

For the past several months we have witnessed a global pandemic larger than most of us have witnessed in our lifetime. The sudden impacts have left families and businesses fighting to survive. We have seen the financial burden that families and individuals have had to deal with, and their inability to provide even the most necessities for themselves and their family. These include food, toiletries, utilities, and rent or mortgage payments. Most of this has resulted from the shutting down of businesses all across the county. Employers cannot pay their employees and the results are clear. In most cases, the owners of the small business are also the same members of our community, they also are going home with no profit from sales revenue.

I urge you to consider the following. First, prevent mass evictions and protect tenants from ending in the streets. Our elected officials are having virtual meetings to prevent the spread of the virus. Therefore, keeping people housed is the best way to combat this virus. Please, extend the moratorium as far as necessary and make it countywide.

Second, our undocumented population are the most affected. Even though they pay taxes, they don't qualify for any stimulus. I know there were efforts to help them, but that was a one time help. Please, work together to create a countywide unemployment program to make sure our undocumented community are not paying taxes without getting any government representation. It's time to fix this problem we lost with Ronald Reagan many years ago.

Third, during this pandemic, I heard a new frase, "essential workers; however, these employees are risking their lives, so all of us can eat and buy our essential stuff. But, they lack of medical insurance and any health benefits. I'm asking to provided health insurance for all, especially our essential workers, as someone said. They are needed workers who risk all for nothing.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
-Omar Vasquez-

From: John Betts <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:03 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: enter these comments into city council meeting for june 29,2020

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hello,i'm a member of s.o.s a group of unhoused and formerly unhoused people wanting to help educate the housed what we want:we are citizens too, but logisticly we often don't get to participate or have our opinions heard by the people in power:we were so ecstatic when 30 people moved into the trailers at happy hollow! there are other. groups of activist advocate groups too: 2nd street voices and urg ,among them all heartened that the newsome trailers were finally getting used! we. had staged a dead in protest shortly before the trailers go opened up, to raise awareness how many unhousedcd die every year, and many of them are seniors, and now with threat of covid, when the hotels and trails really are being provided expressly to house homeless seniors, it's really very nihiistic not to promptly put as many as possible in them asap! we have staged protests several times about the lack of urgency displayed by the gov't agencies whos job that's supposed to be! then after thinking san jose was finally doing the right thing,but they terminate them after 3 weeks, with only 30 people in them! we think it, preposterous that they could have had the maintenance othe trailers. paying 750 ,000r plumbing problems be that daunting for 30 people for 3 weeks that it cost 1.3 mi think the trailers should still be used: measure a money only housed 146bpeoplillion ! also the people in charge of implimenting. the program would want to actually house some people somewhere along the line!b save them and use them! john betts

From: John Betts <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:41 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: sorry, follow up of letter from john betts, some typo's occurred



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we felt sorry that some thought the die in protest we did in front of trailer the at happy hollow was being un appreciative of san jose opening the trailers, our protest was before san jose declared they were opening the trailers, we were quite impressed at all the work done too bring the trailers down to san jose, and set them up, and the views from the air shown in the news showed us how amazing it was!to then have. the city only put 30bin seemed lack luster, then to hear 3 weeks later the city was cancelling them all together really w dicouraging! i go out with a group to camps, vans, trailers all over san jose, to give out covid supplies , snacks andj water, to see how much hardship so many people are having to put up with every day is really sad !the p eople are so cheered up when we come around ,because a lot of themfeel pretty alone and like no one cares about them! having a trailer to stay in would be like heaven for so many people havinpleple to put up with extreme hardship day in and day out. they still would be a fantastic step up for people, even they just put up porta t,the oilets instead of having sewage lines hooked up, nd even if didn't have electricity just flash lights. san jose officials need to think out of their own bourgoise box, john betts