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**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Agenda 2.27



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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Thank you for your resolution in support of Black Lives Matter.

I hope this is more than a symbolic resolution; it's time to support our communities and defund the police.

Kind regards,  
Kathryn Hedges

**From:** Maria Guttenbeil < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 2.27



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Hello,

I oppose this resolution as it does not commit to any real change for the Black Lives Matter movement. What action items is this addressing outside of lip service? No one has condemned the FB SJPD racist comments made public. And when Mayor Liccado decided to address it in a Tweet he compared it to defunding teachers? A very insensitive comment...

Please do not use the Black Lives Matter movement to show solidarity in paper form only. We need real reform.

Best regards,  
M. Maria Guttenbeil

**From:** Charlie Paulsen <>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Systemic Racism

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Good Morning!

I'm requesting for each of you to answer my question, and probably a question that all residents of San Jose have:

1. What do you plan to do to break down systemic racism at SJPD? Specifically, the unequal application of policies. I've given legitimate examples in my follow-up Medium article. If you are unaware of these cases, I recommend that you hold Chief Garcia accountable. He is fully aware of all incidents, including Lt. Mike Sullivan's, now athletic director of Bellarmine High School, time card fraud issues, performing IA investigations at the high school, among other things.
2. What part of your plan addresses question #1?

I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Hillary Smith <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:46 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 2.27 - Public Comment

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Dear council members,

My name is Hillary Smith and I live in District 5.

Your "black lives matter resolution" is an example of perforation allyship. This does nothing to create systemic change, especially not around accountability. You have heard clearly from the community what our demands are and have done nothing to show that Black lives actually matter to you.

Thank you,  
Hillary

**From:** Jonathan Gomez <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:20 AM

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

**Subject:** Agenda Item 2.27



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Greetings,

Echoing the many voices here, I oppose the resolution. Listening and learning from Black people in San Jose, this resolution does not respectfully represent their voices or needs for transformative change. Following the lead of Black people at the grass roots, I demand that the city council and mayor defund the police, and swiftly reallocate funds to invest in the creation of life affirming institutions.

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Dr. Jonathan D. Gomez

**From:** Ambar Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:39 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 2.27- public comment

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To the City Council Members and the Mayor,

I am Ambar from District 3. My question to you is: What use is saying Black Lives Matter if you won't do anything legislative to back that statement up? You keep paying lip-service and it's really condescending to your community.

So if you mean what you say then approving police unions contracts would make you liars. Don't be liars. Already you are contradicting yourself because you approved a budget for SJPD with no regard for the violence SJPD has inflicted on our community of brown and black people. Violence we've learned they are more than happy to enact after we read it in their Facebook posts. Adding years to the time Sam Liccardo serves would also make this contradictory. So don't be contradictory.

We didn't hire you as actors (although you are talented at that) your job is to represent us. So you don't need to make this performative proclamation because what we are asking for is authentic change of our policing system. Do work to defund police. Stop protecting racist cops.

Ambar G.

**From:** Kaila Silveira [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** City Clerk < [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** June 30th SJ Council Meeting



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Dear San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Kaila Silveira, and I am emailing you as a concerned citizen about the agenda items 2.24, 2.27, 3.3, and 3.10 that you will be voting on in today's council meeting.

For item 2.24 (Extending the Police Union Contract), I urge you to **VOTE AGAINST AND DO NOT EXTEND THIS ACTION** as it continues to fund SJPd when those funds should be distributed to other community services.

For action item 2.27 (BLM Resolution), I urge you to **MAKE POLICY AND GIVE OPPORTUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THE BLM MOVEMENT** not just proclaim the resolution. You have a job to protect and serve your citizens so your actions need to speak louder than words!

For action item 3.3 (Expanding Independent Police Auditor Review Authority), I urge you to **VOTE AGAINST THIS ACTION** as the historically the IPA has not been very active or powerful in helping produce productive change.

For action item 3.10 (Increasing Power of Mayor Liccardo by Extending His Term by Two Years), I urge you to **VOTE AGAINST THIS ACTION**. By extending his term, you will allow him to continue ignoring the BLM movement demands and blocking policy that could implicate change. We need new leadership that will **FIGHT AND ACTUALLY REPRESENT** what the citizens need.

For weeks, we've have been peacefully protesting, sharing our ideas, and collaborating on how to implement change. We've spoken so now it's up to you to make it happen. We need policies that will provide opportunity and protection **FOR EVERYONE**.

A concerned citizen,

Kaila

**From:** Capella Yee [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:21 AM

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

**Subject:** June 30 Agenda 2.27



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Dear Vice Mayor Chappie Jones

While I appreciate speaking the words Black Lives Matter, proposals like in Agenda Item 2.27 represent a kind of meaningless allyship that allows you to publicly take a stand but take no action at all. The resolution states many commitments SJ will take, but on what timeline? With what oversight? You make absolutely zero commitments to changing, just "looking". This is a step in the right direction, but simply does not go far enough. It's a bandaid when we need surgery. I respectfully ask that another resolution be put forth with more concrete plans to make changes .

Capella Yee

**From:** Oscar Sandoval [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk < [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Agenda Items- 2.24 , 2.27 , 3.10



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Hello,

My name is Oscar Sandoval and I am an educator, artist, and D10 resident. I'm calling on the entire council to NOT approve extending the contract with the San Jose Police Officers Association. This agreement **must be renegotiated** with input from the public. The current agreement is bloated, and millions of those dollars can be reallocated to crucial social services in our city that can eliminate the need for police officers in the first place. It's ridiculous that some of these funds are being used to pay police who have murdered San Jose residents, it pays for internal investigations in misconduct cases that protect police officers, and, worst of all, it pays cops that make heinous, racist comments like the ones leaked from the private Facebook group. If y'all didn't have the courage to stand on the right side of history, and progress, when we demand that you all, OUR elected officials, to defund SJPD, you have another chance here. Be on the right side of history. Don't approve this contract, and allow the public to be a part of this process.

Also the BLM statement is a farce. Unless it is backed by legitimate systemic change (Office of Racial Equity is not an example of systemic change) than it's just as bad as taking a knee as officers continue to kill and harass San Jose residents. It masks San Jose as a city of "progress", when it in fact is lagging behind Oakland, SF, and other big cities that are taking REAL action to protect its Black and Brown communities.

Lastly, Sam Liccardo's "Strong Mayor" proposal is disturbing, especially given his justification that residents want him to have more power to take action to address police violence in our city. This is the same dude that compared defunding racist and killer police system to defunding teachers. As an educator myself I'm disgusted, and a bit fearful now knowing that Liccardo feels empowered to defend police officers over teachers. Do NOT approve this resolution/proposal. Any changes should go through the charter revision commission and be a public process. There does not need to be an automatic extension.

I hope y'all take action to defend marginalized communities in San Jose today. If y'all choose not to, the preventable deaths and anguish inflicted on our communities will be on your hands.

Best,

Oscar Sandoval

**From:** Jessica Gutierrez [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:43 AM  
**To:** City Clerk < [REDACTED]>  
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If policies do not reflect that Black Lives Matter, then a letter by city officials claiming to be in solidarity with Black lives is NOTHING MORE THAN PERFORMATIVE ALLYSHIP. This resolution means NOTHING if there are still policies in place that oppress and deny opportunities to Black communities and other communities of color. The mayor and the city council have yet to acknowledge the misconduct carried out by SJPd prior to the protests including murders of our own community members. This kind of performative allyship is dangerous and does not make any kind of real change.

City council also failed to capitalize "Black" throughout this ENTIRE resolution. When speaking of a culture, ethnicity, or group of people. The name should be capitalized. Black with a capital B refers to people of the African diaspora. Lowercase black is simply a color.

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**Jessica Gutierrez**

**From:** Natalia Cortes [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk < [REDACTED] > CouncilMeeting < [REDACTED] > District7  
< [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Items 2.24, 2.7, 3.3, 3.10: District 7 Resident - No Room for Performative Allyship

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Hello,

My name is Natalia Cortes, I am a resident in District 7, and I would like for everyone on city council to know that we have seen thousands and thousands of people on our streets giving specific recommendations about how to gain our trust, and how many times you have disregarded them.

Item 2.24: Both Alum Rock and East Side School Districts have listened to their students and constituents, why can't you? Vote NO on extending your contract with the San Jose Police Association

Item 2.7: You are all in no position to claim your support Black Lives Matter. This is meaningless if you don't start addressing police violence in this city. Otherwise, it's acts of performative allyship.

Item 3.3: A broken system cannot fix itself without a complete overhaul, and that IPA hasn't had any success in mitigating any violence. Any added money should go directly to our communities. Vote NO

Item 3.10: Mayor Liccardo has not listened to San Jose's working people. It's obvious that he has catered to those with access to wealth, and is leaving people in need to fend for themselves. Vote NO on extending his term.

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*Natalia Cortes*