From: noah salzman [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:20 AM

To: City Clerk 

Liccardo, Sam 

Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio 

Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev 

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Esparza, Maya

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Khamis, Johnny 

Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo



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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:15 AM

To: City Clerk 

Jimenez, Sergio 

Peralez, Raul

Diep, Lan 

Davis, Dev 

Arenas, Sylvia 

Khamis, Johnny 

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Sherry Dennis, I am a resident of San Jose for 40 years, and homeowner in District 8 for 32 years. I am so grateful for our city Council Members that represent the individual and unique needs of our communities; therefore, I am adamantly opposed to the 3:10 Potential Ballot Measure to Amend our City Charter.

In addition, this recommendation comes at a time when we are in a fiscal crisis and could cost taxpayers well over a million dollars. Most families in our communities are experiencing challenging times just trying to survive and not focused on major local government changes; these monies could be used in a much better way. The 3.10 Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter seems that it would create an imbalance of power in our local government and lacks a very critical component: a coalition of representation of the City of San Jose and communities that it serves; communities could easily be overlooked and misrepresented.

Again, without hesitation I oppose this Measure being brought to the Ballot for the November 2020 Elections.

Thank you

Sherry Dennis

From: noah salzman [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:23 AM

To: City Clerk < Davis, Dev <

Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmember Davis,

I'm a Willow Glen resident and my consideration of voting for you hinges on this matter.

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Thank you, Dr. Noah Salzman 

Dear Councilmembers,

The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control.

Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government.

Please VOTE NO on the Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and use your authority wisely. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would:

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Thank you, Carolina Rodriguez Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:48 AM

To: City Clerk 

Jimenez, Sergio 

Peralez, Raul

Diep, Lan 

Davis, Dev 

Arenas, Sylvia 

Khamis, Johnny 

Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal



The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. Instead work to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

Thank you

From: [mailto: Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:48 AM **To:** City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie Jimenez, Sergio < Peralez, Raul Diep, Lan < Carrasco, Magdalena Davis, Dev < Esparza, Maya Foley, Pam Arenas, Sylvia < Khamis, Johnny < Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal



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Thank you

From: Donnell Fassler [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:47 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Charter revision 2020

[External Email]

I am opposed to the proposed charter revision on the agenda June 30,2020. This proposal changes how people will be represented and how our city government operates.

Vote NO!

Respectfully
Donnell Fassler
San Jose/Cambrian Park Resident

From: Ricky "Ricky" Martinez [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:47 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio < Peralez, Raul

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Thank you,

Ricardo "Ricky" Martinez B.M. Music Education

From: Carol Adamski [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:45 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Expanding the authority of the mayor is a big change and needs community engagement otherwise this seems like a power grab in a time when there is so much distrust of authority in our nation.

This issue should not go on the ballot in November until a public process has taken place. Thank you,

Carol J. Adamski

From: Alejandrino Valenzuela [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:44 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 11:42 AM	
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Thank you,

Jeremiah Haze "Community Over Everything"

From: Jeffrey Levin [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:40 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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From: Deb Arant [mailto		
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 11:39 AM	
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Deborah

From: Comcast [mailto]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:36 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

From: Tomas Loredo IV	<u>mailto:</u>	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 11:31 AM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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My name is Maya Ortega and I live In the evergreen neighborhood.

The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming.

Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

A major change to the city charter should have a real and substantial process for community engagement -- but that's something alarmingly missing from the proposal to the Council (Agenda Item 3.10) for 6/30/20.

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P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

From: Lizzie Rock [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:29 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you, Lizzie Rock District 3 resident

Sent: Tuesday, June 30	0, 2020 11:27 AM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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From: David Lonez [mailto:

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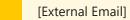
Thank you Dr. David P. Lopez From: Lori Chavez [mailto:

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:30 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: City Charter

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Mayor and Members of the Council.

Re: Item 3.10

This email is written in support of establishing a Charter Revision Commission <u>prior</u> to implementing the proposed new government structure. This commission needs to reflect our communities to insure all voices are heard.

Extending the Mayor's authority over City Staff and shrinking the involvement of City Council is a frightening proposition. I am reminded of Donald Trump--anyone with too much power can cause more harm than good. Also, it is so very important to allow our city council to continue with the job their community elected them to do. Their representation is vital to everything and anything concerning the City of San Jose and should not be diminished.

I do support amending the City Charter to move the next mayoral election, and all City Council District elections, to the November 2024 general election. I also support providing a one-time, term extension of the current mayor and respective Councilmembers to December 31, 2024.

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Lorraine Chavez

From: Julian Gomez [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:52 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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From: Dora Wang [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:51 AM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Peralez, Raul

Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab



My name is Dora Wang and I live in District 1.

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Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen From: salamander mcfeely [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:51 AM

To: City Clerk 
Liccardo, Sam 
Jones, Chappie

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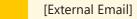
From: Viridiana Romero [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:58 AM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** San Jose City Council Meeting 6/30/20- comment

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Dear Elected Leaders,

The City of San Jose and its elected officials should not take any actions to change the power of a Mayor without a proper community process (3.10). Such critical decisions with long lasting ramifications to the way this city is governed requires a conversation and input with its residents. It also requires a deep analysis that can be understood by all residents of the city. Any changes to the power of the Mayor should go through a charter revision commission.

Moving the election for the Mayor to a presidential year could increase the number of votes as more people tend to vote on a presidential election year, but I **strongly oppose** the automatic extension of the current Mayor's term. This city is in need of new Mayoral leadership and we should not be forced into another term.

Additionally, we should not automatically extend the police union contract (2.24). With recent events that include racist comments and racism from our officers and a long history of racism and abuse of violence and power, a department that breeds violence and creates a culture that okays racism, sexism, abuse of power, this requires us to deeply consider what needs to change in our contract to keep the union and its officers accountable and in line with our community values. The police serves the public. They need to be accountable to us, the public. We (the public) need to understand and approve what they are being held accountable for.

Item 2.27 is problematic. We cannot pass a resolution unless we actually reflect the values of this resolution. You passed the budget without reflecting the demands of the community - this does not embrace or honor that Black Lives Matter. When we are worthy of such a statement we can pass a rightful resolution otherwise they are empty words and false allyship.

I ask for you to stand with your residents, value community input, honor community visions, and acknowledge accountability to the community by making the above recommendations.

Sincerely, Viridiana Romero From: MB [mailto: Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:57 AM

To: City Clerk 

Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio 

Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev 

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Khamis, Johnny 

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The mayor has already demonstrated his willingness to behave undemocratically by refusing to listen to constituents and using strawman arguments and illegitimate rhetoric in lieu of trying to understand and act on the paradigm shift the people have asked for. In other words, the mayor has continued to try to apply band aids to a broken system instead of considering whether there is a different system that could be used. This is fundamentally undemocratic, disingenuous, and not justified by any bicameral structure that suggests the mayor is supposed to act in a paternalistic manner (like the Senate) by disregarding the will of his constituents (like the House). I think Mayor Liccardo should resign, not just because I disagree with some of his policies, but because I am disturbed by his consistent unwillingness to truly engage and honor the people of San Jose. Particularly given what is happening to our federal democracy, I cannot abide this kind of behavior.

At minimum, I am asking all of you to APPROVE Councilmember Peralez's memo, my councilmember, directing that an inclusive, community-driven Charter Review Commission be convened. The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place.

Thank you Councilmember Peralez for all that you and your staff do to spend time with, listen to, and honor your constituents. We appreciate your service in this district—a district with diverse constituents and needs and that bears the burden of responsibility for a downtown core that is utilized and important to every other district and the local economy. We know you are working very hard!

Thank you, Megan From: Natalia Cortes [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:56 AM

To: City Clerk < CouncilMeeting < District7

Subject: Items 2.24, 2.7, 3.3, 3.10: District 7 Resident - No Room for Performative Allyship



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.

Natalia Cortes

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:01 PM

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| Arenas, Sylvia | Foley, Pam
| Khamis, Johnny | Subject: NO on Strong Mayor Proposal, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo



Dear Councilmembers, The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control. Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government. Please VOTE NO on the Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and use your authority wisely. Instead, VOTE YES ON COUNCILMEMBER ARENAS' MEMO which would: -Convene the City Charter Commission; - Move all Council elections to presidential years while creating a special 2-year term election for the Mayor/Council to implement this change; and - Refer the campaign finance reforms proposed to the San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices.

Four years is enough, we need change.

Thank you

Elaine Talerico

Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!

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Thank you,

Jean Marlowe resident of North San jose

From: Watson, James

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:01 PM

**To:** District 10 < The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

Cc: City Clerk <

Subject: Agenda Item 3.10

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council member,

My name is James Watson and I am a City of San Jose resident in District 10 and employee in the ESD.

I'm writing to express my opposition at this time to Agenda Item 3.10. To attempt to rush a ballot measure to amend the City's charter this late in the election cycle is an irresponsible use of government funding. To further add insult to potential injury, it is my understanding the currently contemplated amended charter appears to have the effect of eliminating some city manager and department heads' independence from the whims of politicians when making budget and other city management decisions.

The current governing structure is the result of a 1978 diverse Charter Review Committee that spent a year studying various forms of municipal government structures and engaging the community. To move to a different form of government without the same diligent process is reckless and unnecessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Be Well,

James Watson, P.E.

From: Kimberly Galinde	o <u>[mailto:</u>	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30	, 2020 11:54 AM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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<	Davis, Dev <	Esparza, Maya
<	Arenas, Sylvia <	Foley, Pam
<	Khamis, Johnny <	

My name is Kimberly Galindo and I live in Willow Glen.

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

From: Andrew Lloyd [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:08 PM

To: Jones, Chappie 

District3 

District4 

District7 

District8

Cc: Liccardo, Sam 

City Clerk 

Peralez, Raul

Subject: Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!



Dear San Jose City Councilmembers,

I have my business (Peralez D3) and residence (Davis D6) both located in San Jose. I also serve on the board of BAYMEC.

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Andrew Lloyd

From: Patricia Curia [mailto:

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:08 PM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!

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Patricia Curia

From: Joe Ethier [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:06 PM

To: City Clerk 

Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio 

Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev 

Davis, Dev 

Esparza, Maya

Arenas, Sylvia 

Khamis, Johnny 

Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab



My name is Joe Ethier and I am a resident of District 3.

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the current proposal for a ballot measure to amend the city charter. The proposed measure reads as a blatant power grab by the mayor. While there are plenty of problems with our city charter, the limits placed on the mayoral role are not among the worst of them. Instead, we should be looking with a critical eye at those stipulations in the charter that this council recently used as a shield to avoid any meaningful action to address the public call to move funds from the police department to community based public safety solutions.

it would be irresponsible of the council to move this proposal directly to a ballot measure without completing a thorough community engagement process first. The community's voices need to be heard and included in the process of evolving SJ into a better and better city. A forward-thinking charter is an important part of becoming that better city, but this proposal as it stands does not move us towards that goal.

Please don't put this proposal on the November ballot. Instead, begin a meaningful dialogue with the community about the ways we actually *want* to see our charter evolve.

Joe E.

From: Akshaya Premk	umar ( <u>mailto:</u>	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30	0, 2020 12:06 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab

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Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen From: Joe M [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:05 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio < Peralez, Raul

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From: paul nyhof [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:05 PM

To: City Clerk 

Liccardo, Sam 

Jones, Chappie

Peralez, Raul

Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev 

Esparza, Maya

Arenas, Sylvia 

Khamis, Johnny 

Subject: Urging a YES vote on Councilmember Peralez's memo item 3.10 - Support the Community



Dear San José City Councilmember,

I urge you to approve Councilmember Peralez's memo that a charter review commission be formed. As a community member, I feel completely in the dark on this proposal and believe in the interest of just oversight, we should require the commission. Please do NOT approve the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand authority. We deserve a voice and a fair assessment before this is decided upon.

Voter and community member.

-Paul Nyhof

From: Ann Webb [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:04 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

Ann Webb

## **Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms**

Dear Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing to share my support for Vice Mayor Jones' and Councilmember Johnny Khamis' memorandum for the Inclusion, Accountability & Better Government Reform Measure in the City of San José. However, I support a 2/3 supermajority (8 votes) of the City Council voting to reject the Mayor's proposed appointment of the City Manager instead.

San José is the 10th largest city in the Unitied States, yet it is stuck in the 1980's with a management structure more suited for small cities. In times of crisis, we need government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results and to bring local government into the 21st century. As we face the greatest series of crises in our lifetime – a global pandemic and the deepest economic recession since the great recession – we must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than unelected bureaucrats. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are the ones driving the community's priorities.

The proposed measure would also curb the influence of powerful special interest groups, who have dominated San José politics for far too long. The measure would implement a strict conflict of interest provision that would require City Councilmembers to recuse themselves on a vote that would benefit their special interest donors. Furthermore, professional lobbyists would be banned from making contributions to a politician's campaign.

I strongly urge you to vote in support of Vice Mayor Jones' and Councilmember Khamis' proposal for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

I have personally served as co-Chair on The SVO's Housing Policy and Development Review Committee for over 20 years. It is very apparent to me that our elected lead City Official have the authority to remove a department head if they are not performing in a way that matches the direction they are directing the staff in support of the vision they have placed in front of the voters. Over the years, I've sat through two different meetings with two different Mayors, both expressing concern over various PBCE department heads because they couldn't do anything to rectify the issues at hand during those times. I strongly encourage you to support this important reform so that City Staff know they have accountability to the City Leaders we elect.

Sincerely,

Tony Mirenda

From: Lisa Wangsness [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:15 PM

To: City Clerk 

Liccardo, Sam 

Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio 

Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev 

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Esparza, Maya

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Thank you,

Lisa Wangsness

From: Dan Phelan [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:14 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

From: Jenni Parker-Adib [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:14 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you, Jennifer Parker-Adib From: An Bùi [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:12 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Peralez, Raul

Diep, Lan < Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev < Esparza, Maya

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Khamis, Johnny <

Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

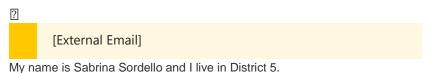
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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is An, and I'm a resident in South Side San José and alumni of ESUHSD. I'm not sure if my email comes too late as I know you al met at 9am this morning, but I figured it'd still be worth it to send.

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. Instead work to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

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Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen



The proposed change to the city charter would dramatically shift the way our local government runs and affects every single resident. Our voices should count but we are being shut out of this process as it's being rushed through without real and substantial community engagement. You have the current power to halt this proposal and allow for our voices to be heard.

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Thank you,

**Victor Vasquez** 

From: Veronica Nevare	z [ <u>mailto</u> :	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 12:18 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
<	Jimenez, Sergio <	Peralez, Raul
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From: RAUL MARTINEZ [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:28 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

| Jimenez, Sergio < Peralez, Raul
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Thank you,

Raul Martinez JR

From: cjleonard59 [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:26 PM

To: City Clerk 

Jimenez, Sergio 

Peralez, Raul

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Thank you
Jean Leonard

From: Karen [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:25 PM

To: City Clerk 

Liccardo, Sam 

Jones, Chappie

Peralez, Raul

Carrasco, Magdalena

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Thank you, Karen Wilcox From: Jay Grifter [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:24 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

Jimenez, Sergio < Peralez, Raul

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From: Elizabeth [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:24 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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From: Mark Sikes [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:24 PM

To: City Clerk 

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Peralez, Raul

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Thank you, Mark Sikes

From: angie b [ <u>mailto:</u>		
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 12:33 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Angelique Brake

Importance: High



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Thank you,

Kaaren Powers

From: Andrew Chandler [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:31 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

| Jimenez, Sergio < Peralez, Raul
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# **Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms**

Dear Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing to share my support for Mayor Liccardo's memorandum for Better Government Reforms in the City of San José.

San José is the 10th largest city in the Unitied States, yet it is stuck in the 1980's with a management structure more suited for small cities. In times of crisis, we need government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results and to bring local government into the 21st century. As we face the greatest series of crises in our lifetime – a global pandemic and the deepest economic recession since the great recession – we must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than unelected bureaucrats. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are the ones driving the community's priorities.

The proposed measure would also curb the influence of powerful special interest groups, who have dominated San José politics for far too long. The measure would implement a strict conflict of interest provision that would require City Councilmembers to recuse themselves on a vote that would benefit their special interest donors. Furthermore, professional lobbyists would be banned from making contributions to a politician's campaign.

I strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

It's amazing to me that so many additional ideas seem to have surfaced at the same time. Yes, there could be additional time spent to deliberate and discuss this publicly, but it's been brought up in the past and discussed many times. Perhaps those elected to represent us should do just that - represent. Is it perfect - no, but neither is some unknown and unexplained law that allows the Public Health Officer to rein over the county when there are 5 elected representatives of sound mind and body in position to direct the county forward.

Stay well and best of success in your discussions today.

Sincerely,

**David Peterson** 

From: Joseph Mancini [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:27 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Joseph Mancini

From: Leila Ullmann [ <u>m</u>	ailto:	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 1:22 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen From: Melissa Hansen Cornish [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:21 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:21 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:19 PM

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Thank you, Tanya Freudenberger From: Hassan Azad [mailto]

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Thank you,

From: Sarah Hollingsworth [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:19 PM

To: City Clerk 

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Sincerely, Sarah Hollingsworth From: amy tran [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:17 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Peralez, Raul

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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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### Dear Councilmembers,

The disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and police brutality in communities of color have highlighted the urgent need to address systemic racism in San Jose and the obligation to include residents from these communities when creating city policy. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the city would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at city hall. We have council members to speak on our behalf but their advocacy will not be enough against a Strong Mayor form of government. Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us, not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and have full control.

Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government.

Please VOTE NO on the Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, and Councilmember Jimenez's memo and use your authority wisely.

Thank you, Amy Tran

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Thank you,

Ashley Arancio

From: amy tran [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:16 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Peralez, Chappie

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#### Dear Councilmembers,

The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is grounded in the call for greater accountability for those in power -- not greater authority for local leaders. Just because protesters showed up to Mayor Liccardo's house does not mean protesters want him, or any future mayor, to have more power. Using the current movement as a pretense to expand the mayor's authority flies in the face of what people have been marching for -- especially considering that the mayor has not previously shown interest in tackling systemic racism in San Jose and only recently acknowledged that it even exists.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. Instead work to truly listen and engage the community to solve for problems that our city and nation are facing, such as structural racism and systemic inequality.

Thank you, Amy Tran From: amy tran [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:16 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Peralez, Raul

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Thank you,

Karlo S. Atienza San Jose resident and registered voter

From: Tracy Corral [mail	to:	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 1:15 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Tracy Corral

From: Maria Vazquez [mailto]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:11 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you, María Vazquez From: kelvin [mailto:

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To: City Clerk <

Subject: Do not Vote to Approve

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From: Matthew Hinsha	w <u>[mailto:</u>	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30	, 2020 1:10 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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My name is Matt H. and I live in Buena Vista neighborhood.

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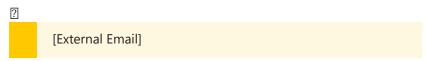
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Thank you, Flora Moreno de Thompson From: Carmen B [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:07 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:04 PM

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Thank you, Richard Dudley From: Tiffany Maciel [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:57 PM

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Thank you, Tiffany Maciel From: Gillian Tran [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:53 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 12:49 PM	
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- Refer the campaign finance reforms proposed to the San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices.

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Thank you

From: Lola Notproperty [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:48 PM

To: City Clerk 

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Khamis, Johnny 

Subject: 6/30/20 Council Meeting - Agenda Item 3.10 - Public Comment - Power Grab



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Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen From: read er [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:44 PM

To: City Clerk 

Liccardo, Sam 

Jones, Chappie

Peralez, Raul

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Arenas, Sylvia 

Khamis, Johnny 

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Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place.

Thank you, Juritzi From: Bob Mack [mailto:bob@bobmack3.com] Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:06 PM



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Dear San Jose City Councilmembers,

I am shocked that our Council would even consider a City Charter amendment without a Charter Review Commission and public hearings.

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Thank you,

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Bob Mack

From: Austin [mailto]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:38 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

Cheers,

**Austin Jacobs** 

From: James Marshall [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:47 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

James Marshall

From: RC Lavia [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:46 PM

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Thank you, Roseanna Lavia From: Alvaro Lopez [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:46 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Peralez, Chappie

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Thank you,

From: Sean Mac Aodha [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:41 PM

To: City Clerk 

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Jimenez, Sergio 

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Thank you,

Sean R. Mac Aodha

## **Support Increased Voter Turnout for City Council**

Dear Mayor and City Council, I support Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza's memo to align districts with the lowest voter turnout with the Presidential election to give people of color representation and a voice. More people vote in the Presidential election which would increase voter turnout for these elections. East San José and the downtown districts are the poorest and most challenged have less than one-third of the voter turnout than the more affluent areas of San José. Of those who are voting, they are older, wealthier, and white. If we do not move the election to the Presidential election, communities of color, young people, LGBTQ citizens, and low-income residents who are disproportionately burdened by policies impacting housing, homelessness, open spaces, libraries, and transportation, will continue to have their voice tampered in the current system. Please support the alignment of the Council elections with the Presidential election in 2024 contained within the memo authored by Councilmembers Carrasco and Esparza. Sincerely Concerned Citizen

From: Rose Myers [mailto]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:57 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you, Rose Myers Tue 6/30/2020 2:02 PM

## **Support Accountability & Better Government Reforms**

Dear Clerk City Clerk,

I am writing to share my support for Mayor Liccardo's memorandum for Better Government Reforms in the City of San José.

San José is the 10th largest city in the Unitied States, yet it is stuck in the 1980's with a management structure more suited for small cities. In times of crisis, we need government to be nimble, responsive, and accountable to the community for results and to bring local government into the 21st century. As we face the greatest series of crises in our lifetime – a global pandemic and the deepest economic recession since the great recession – we must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than unelected bureaucrats. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are the ones driving the community's priorities.

The proposed measure would also curb the influence of powerful special interest groups, who have dominated San José politics for far too long. The measure would implement a strict conflict of interest provision that would require City Councilmembers to recuse themselves on a vote that would benefit their special interest donors. Furthermore, professional lobbyists would be banned from making contributions to a politician's campaign.

I strongly urge you to vote in support of Mayor Liccardo's good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

Sincerely,

Kristen Brown

From: Patrick Ferraro [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:13 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

Patrick Ferraro

From: Mary Idso [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:18 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you, Mary Idso

From: Timothy Clauson	<u>mailto:</u>	
Sent: Tuesday, June 30,	2020 2:13 PM	
To: City Clerk <	Liccardo, Sam <	Jones, Chappie
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Thank you,

Tim Clauson

From: Nicholas Puzar [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:11 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Thank you,

From: Jennifer Ahn [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:10 PM

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Thank you, Jennifer Ahn Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:04 PM

To: City Clerk 

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The community must be a part, not only of the final decision, but of the <u>process</u> as well!

Thank you,

Judi Zamora

**From:** Empire Seven Studios [mailto: **Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:59 PM

Cc: Juan Carlos Araujo <

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Dear San Jose City Councilmembers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

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Thank you for your time.

Warm Regards, Juan Carlos Araujo



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Thank you,

From: Brian Haberly [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:23 PM

To: City Clerk 

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As we've seen during the recent #BLM protests, for far too long, public input and public consent hasn't been sought nor obtained in how the city council has responded to charges of police violence.

The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor.

Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place. Thank you,

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:24 PM

To: City Clerk < Khamis, Johnny < Esparza, Maya

Arenas, Sylvia < Carrasco, Magdalena

Davis, Dev < Carrasco, Magdalena

Diep, Lan < Peralez, Raul

Jimenez, Sergio < John Jones, Chappie

Liccardo, Sam < Subject:



My name is Ted Fuell and I live in District 6.

The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is beyond alarming.

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I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly.

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It is irresponsible to hastily place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot which could cost up to \$1.7 million, while the City faces roughly a \$100 million deficit. The City Council spent hours debating how to shift around a little over a million dollars during the final budget meeting, so how do we suddenly have the funding for this?

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P.S. Sam Liccardo, we all saw that tweet about teachers that you've now deleted. I'm ashamed you are my mayor.

Sincerely, Ted Fuell From: Gloria Sciara [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:36 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

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Dear San Jose City Councilmember,

I am writing to ask that you vote to deny the mayor a third and fourth term with expanded powers. We need new leader ship and election should take place as planned. Doing this at the last minute shows that there is no transparency. The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place. No elect a leader should serve more than eight years. Therefore the current church limits to serving an office for the mayor should stay in place.

Thank you,

Naglee Park resident

From: Advaitha Bhavanasi [mailto]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:40 PM

To: City Clerk < Liccardo, Sam < Jones, Chappie

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:40 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:43 PM

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My name is Erin and I live in District 1.

The proposal for a potential ballot measure to amend the City Charter is alarming.

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I am also very concerned about changes that would give the mayor an extra two years in office without voters being given that question directly, which is clearly misrepresentative of the constituents of this City. This proposed charter amendment appears to be a power grab, that would move power into the office of the mayor. This diminishes the voices of people of color who would find their own council members' power reduced, and replaced with a stronger mayor. Given that there has been so few people of color to hold this office, the net effects of moving so much power into that office will be to reduce the power of communities of color in San Jose, despite the fact that people of color comprise a large portion of this region.

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