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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:12:50 PM

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Subject: Vote NO on Strong Mayor Proposal

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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

sincerely,
blair beekman

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Council Agenda: 7/28/20

Item: 3.1

Subject: Consideration of a Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter and Implementing Ordinance

7/21/20

Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

As a lifelong San Jose resident and as a retired San Jose City Manager with decades of public management experience, I am appealing to you to stop and rethink your immediate desire to ask the voters to change the San Jose system of local government from a Council-Manager form to a Mayor-Council form.

I believe you must focus on the bigger picture of what works best for the City, and what you can lose if this proposal goes forward. Please do not bow to an artificial deadline, and please do not exclude the thoughtful deliberation and participation from the residents of our community.

With former City Manager Les White, we shared our perspective about what you should instead be asking as you consider this profound change for San Jose. I encourage you to read [our opinion that ran in the Mercury News on July 7](http://www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/07/opinion-why-san-jose-voters-should-retain-strong-mayor-system/) [www.mercurynews.com/2020/07/07/opinion-why-san-jose-voters-should-retain-strong-mayor-system/].

I add another point for your consideration: what has made the City of San Jose a great public institution for so many years is its strong corps of dedicated professional public employees and managers.

Our City organization has been a magnet for talented, creative, and visionary people committed to public service. These are special people who have a passion for service, who care about the lives of the residents they touch every day, and who demonstrate outstanding commitment to ethical behavior.

I believe this tradition of excellence and service and this talented corps are at risk in the current rush to change the structure of our government. Slogans such as “aligning for accountability” and “working at the speed of business” are catchy, but they don’t reflect the reality or the ongoing challenge of developing and sustaining a great team who serve the people of San Jose and support the City Council itself.

As you continue your debate over this ballot proposal, don’t underestimate the importance of cultivating and maintaining a professional environment and its relationship to attracting and retaining quality employees. A professional and experienced city manager is essential, one who is an effective and responsive leader who can get the best out of the workforce that provides services to your constituents, day in and day out.

Shifting the authority to hire and fire your department heads to a “strong mayor” won’t produce qualified city planners any quicker, or get more police officers out on the street, or pave your

streets and protect our environment better, or get development projects entitled and permitted any quicker.

Rather, this shift might have the opposite effect. If the work environment changes from one driven by professional pride, experience, and skill to one driven by fear and political loyalty, it could lead to a loss of talent and additional difficulty in recruiting the best professionals we need to serve our community.

You can't get great things done without having great people to do them. I firmly believe that you have more to lose than to gain if you change the form of government from a council-manager system to a strong mayor form. Please stop; please reconsider; please think about the risks you are taking with this action.

Debra Figone
San Jose City Manager, 2007-2013

cc: David Sykes, City Manager
Richard Doyle, City Attorney
Toni Taber, City Clerk

Support the Mayor/Council Initiative

Tim Henderson <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 1:24 PM

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I strongly urge you to vote in support of this ballot measure to implement good government reforms for a more accountable, transparent, and efficient city hall.

This makes all the sense in the world. Please make it happen!

Sincerely,

Tim Henderson

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Monique Nou <[REDACTED]>

Yesterday, 1:36 PM
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Judith Feuer <[REDACTED]>

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frank deturris <[REDACTED]>

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Dori GAO <[REDACTED]>

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Dori GAO

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Mike Benkert <[REDACTED]>

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Mike Benkert

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Lieu Bach <[REDACTED]>

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Lieu Bach

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michael ryan <[REDACTED]>

Yesterday, 2:42 PM

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Having done work for years in the City, it is always a challenge when I feel there is no 'higher' authority to challenge seemingly bad calls. I look forward to the change.

As I have had a number of Fabulous conversations with leadership. This will add cohesion to all levels.

Sincerely,

michael ryan

Support the Mayor/Council Initiative

Tony Mirenda <[REDACTED]>

Yesterday, 4:04 PM

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As a longtime co-Chair for The SVO's Housing Policy and Development Review Committee, we have enjoyed a generally good working relationship with City Staff over the years during our monthly meetings. But periodically we have come across difficult times where many of our members, even Councilmembers including the Mayor, have been frustrated with lack of movement on some Development and Construction related issues. We believe the Mayor should have the ability to have control over the people directly responsible for the success or failure of their platform/vision for our City. That is currently not the case under our present form of City Government and **WE NEED THIS CHANGE.**

Sincerely,

Tony Mirenda

Blair Beekman. Friday, July 24, 2020. ___Strong mayor initiative.

b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

Today, 8:41 AM

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Dear community of San Jose, and city government,

Again to remind, Councilperson Maya Esparza, has positive, constructiive ideas, of a several month, city charter community meeting process, for the sj strong mayor initiative.

The city council, and everyday community, needs to have, an important voice & input, in however the strong mayor initiative, will go forward.

To gather support and understanding, with an open, community study process, can help make clear, some already, beginning, established ideas.

These are the ways, of how to build trust, and heal a community.

The voice and input, of an entire city council body, and of an elected office, should also be the focus, of a post-blue ribbon task force, if the current city council, places a strong-mayor initiative onto the fall election ballot.

Understand, how the three parts, of the current strong mayor initiative, being prepared for the fall election, can also be looked at, reviewed, and eventually voted on, separately.

Please do not let politics, get in the way. Please allow, clear open discussion, on all three subjects, in whatever direction, city council, will be deciding upon, in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman.



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San Jose, CA 95150
408-271-7163
lwvsjsc.org
July 24, 2020

To: Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers, City of San Jose

Subject: Item 3.1, July 28, Agenda 20-822. Reconsideration of *Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter*

We are disappointed that the Council voted 6-5 on July 1 to place the *Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter* on the November 2020 ballot. Our major concerns about the lack of community input and public review process expressed in our June 29 letter are not diminished by any information we learned during the 12 hours of discussion on this subject. **We urge you to vote to reconsider this issue and to provide adequate time for San Jose residents to become aware of and educated about such a major change to our city's form of government.**

In the last 75 years, the League of Women Voters has worked hard in San Jose to encourage voter engagement and participation in local, regional, state, and national government. While we are nonpartisan and never support or oppose any candidate or political party, we do take positions based on our careful study of issues.

Based on our core values of fiscal responsibility, transparency and effective government, we believe this issue should be reconsidered and the ballot measure postponed for these reasons:

- **Changing the governance structure should not be done hastily.** Lengthy public testimony and Council discussion is not a substitute for a more reasoned deliberation by an Independent Charter Review Commission that could consider these challenging questions:
 - How do the city council, mayor, and city manager work together today? What works well and what can be improved?
 - What are the possible changes that could be made to improve the effectiveness of the governance of our city? Which ones are likely to work best for San Jose?
 - What could be the unintended consequences of each of the proposed changes?

A Blue Ribbon Commission on Better Government formed after the fact is not prudent especially if it has no option but to suggest modifications to a Mayor/Council form. It is better to analyze impacts and consequences before a major change is made, not after.

- **A clear case has not been made for the urgency of this change**, justifying an expensive ballot measure at a time when city finances are already stretched to the limit with unbudgeted Covid-19 pandemic expenses.
- **The League policy is to oppose ballot measures that contain multiple subjects.** This one has three, which will lead to voter confusion and frustration, especially if a voter supports one or two of the proposals, but not all three.
- **The campaign finance changes proposed for the ballot measure could be enacted by the City Council rather than by a vote of the people.** We would support an immediate Council action that would strengthen campaign finance transparency and disclosure laws and remove the influence of “dark money.” Additional changes that would require modifications to the City Charter could be made later.

The City Council and the public are clearly divided on the content of the proposed measure. Without broad community education and support, moving forward with such a major change will negatively affect residents’ trust in city government at a time when that trust is already shaken by current events. We need to build confidence in government and the democratic process, not cause more divisiveness in the populace.

If this measure is placed on the ballot, we will include it in our usual nonpartisan analysis of state and local measures. In addition, we are considering an expanded educational public event on this measure alone. We will also carefully analyze the final wording of the measure to decide whether to support, oppose, or stay neutral on it. Because we currently have positions supporting the Council/Manager form of city government and single subject measures, we will likely not support it.

In summary, we urge the Council to delay placing the proposed measure on the ballot and instead authorize a Charter Review Commission which will provide for a more thorough analysis which we feel such a major change deserves.

Thank you for your continued public service to the residents of our City.

Respectfully,



Carol Watts, President
League of Women Voters of San Jose/ Santa Clara





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July 27, 2020

City of San Jose
City Council member Magdalena Carrasco
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Strong Mayor Proposal

Dear Councilmember Carrasco:

The Asian Law Alliance has a strong objection to placing a posed City Charter amendment on the ballot in November that would establish a "strong" Mayor in the City of San Jose. This proposal brokered behind the scenes has not been vetted by a full transparent community engagement process.

This ballot measure will restructure San Jose's structure and will change how the residents from the most vulnerable communities are represented in the City of San Jose.

I fully support your objections on placing this measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Sincerely,


Richard Konda
Executive Director

Support the Mayor/Council Initiative

DC

Denyse Cardozo < >

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Fri 7/24, 2:51 PM

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Denyse Cardozo

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GV

Grace Vaccaro <[REDACTED]>

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Grace Vaccaro

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

BH

Briana Horta <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 10:56 AM

Liccardo, Sam

[External Email]

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Sincerely,
Briana Horta

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AA

Ashley Arancio <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Ashley Arancio

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MR

Matthew Rafat <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,
Matthew Rafat

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AW

Ann Webb <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 11:05 AM

Liccardo, Sam;

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Jimenez, Sergio;

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Ann Webb

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Sincerely,

Angelique Brake

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GS

Gloria Sciara <[REDACTED]>

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District3

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Gloria Sciara
Naglee Park resident

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SC

susanne cellura <[REDACTED]>

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susanne Cellura

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Meredith Orr <[REDACTED]>

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DA

Deborah Arant <[REDACTED]>

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I am appalled that the measure was pushed through at only one city council meeting, with no community meeting and very little input. No outreach of any kind. I voted for Sam Liccardo and I had hoped he would represent our city more appropriately.

Sincerely,

Deborah Arant
Resident D-6

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RN

Richard Nieset <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 11:40 AM

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Despite the fact that I voted for Sam, I am not aligned with this initiative that has been ramrodded through in what appears to be a blatant power grab. I understand the desire for efficiency and effectiveness in executing policy. But the fact that you have to spend time gaining consensus from voters goes with the territory and needs to be part of the job. No you can't do it on your own with out input from the corpus.

Sincerely,

Richard Nieset

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LA

Laurie Alaimo <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 11:51 AM

Laurie Alaimo <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,
Laurie

Laurie Alaimo

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JK

Jonathan Karpf <[REDACTED]>

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Jonathan Karpf <[REDACTED]>

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Jonathan Karpf

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JR

Jean Raby <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 12:22 PM

Undisclosed Recipients <[REDACTED]>

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Jean Raby

From: Angel SJVR <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 6:36 PM

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Subject: NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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My Dear Servant Leader,

Please do NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. History will judge this Council if you waste our taxes to help extend the powers of Sam Liccardo. Authoritarianism is rising worldwide. Please dont plant it in our community. When we ask for accountability, the mayor responds by sugar coated power grab.. propelled by deals. This is unacceptable.

We need public servants.. not a politician who salivate at entrenching himself as mayor in these very critical time in our lives.

We need a a council that will be on our side as we grapple with issues of police brutality and systemic racism. Do not give Sam Liccardo more powers to represent the 1 percent.

Mayor Liccardo's proposal is ill conceived and harmful to the people but we are counting on you to see through shades of Trump following Putin's playbook. NO to more powers. No to term extension. NO to pretending we will decide thru a ballot measure. That's our money you will be spending.. money you can use for key services.

Thank you.

Evangeline Sangalang

From: Kanta Khiatani <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:48 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Subject: NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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We are still listening, and we are still watching. The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is alive and well, and we are still calling for more accountability from our local leaders -- not more power for the Mayor.

Mayor Liccardo has falsely interpreted our goals of a more accountable local government as a call for him to grant himself more power. Adding in important electoral reforms into this power-grab proposal is insincere and unacceptable. This proposal demonstrates that Mayor Liccardo refuses to listen, and would grant future mayors the ability to continue to ignore our needs.

We asked for an accountable mayor, not an authoritarian. 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. The Strong-Mayor ballot measure is a senseless and costly move, and shows a lack of understanding of the problems of racism and inequality facing our community.

Thank you

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

CC

City Clerk

Yesterday, 12:35 PM

PF

Patrick Ferraro <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 11:15 AM

City Clerk

[External Email]

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Sincerely,

Patrick Ferraro

From: Chris Mengarelli <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:24 AM
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[External Email]

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Chris Mengarelli

Item 3.1 - Uph0ld Tr@nsp@rency!

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City Clerk

Yesterday, 12:35 PM

RG

Robert Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 12:03 PM

City Clerk;

Agendadesk

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Sincerely,
Bobby G

Transparency

JS

jacqueline snell <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 12:54 PM

Liccardo, Sam;

Jones, Chappie;

Agendadesk;

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Jackie Snell

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

BH

Brian Haberly <[REDACTED]>

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Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

MA

Manuel Avalos <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 1:08 PM

[External Email]

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Warmly,
Manuel Ávalos, District 3

From: Laura Hammond <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 1:01 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: July 28 item 3.1 - No for Strong Mayor Initiative

[External Email]

I write with extreme disappointment over the actions of the 5 members on council and mayor to to rush the Strong Mayor Initiative, now rebranded as the Inclusion, Accountability & Better Government Reform Measure. As I read the numerous op-eds and letters from the public, with opposition from such community leaders as The South Bay Labor Council, The League of Women Voters, and former San Jose city managers and councilmembers, I can't help but further question the motives and scruples of those within council pushing this forward. I urge the council to reconsider taking \$1,692,893 dollars from the general fund, in what the mayor has declared as potentially the worst fiscal crisis the city has ever faced, to place this highly contested measure on the ballot. Even during normal times this type of charter amendment must go through proper vetting before blindly asking our community to vote on it, but during a global pandemic when the ability to access food, housing, let alone voting is brought into question, makes this measure a foolish endeavor. Please, you are not listening to your community and what we need. At the very least separate the 3 different initiatives being placed within this measure, allow for real and accessible community input, delay placing the proposed measure on the ballot and instead authorize a Charter Review Commission at this time.

Thank you for your time,
Laura

From: S Seim <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 1:14 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Susan Seim

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

Rodriguez, Joy

Yesterday, 1:25 PM

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Reply all

Yesterday, 12:37 PM

Liccardo, Sam

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

Rodriguez, Joy

Yesterday, 1:26 PM

NS

Nydia Smith <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 12:35 PM

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I live in Communication Hill and I vehemently oppose the events (vote) that culminated in the 6-5 decision. Now, we must vote on the Strong Mayor Initiative in November and it is your responsibility to ensure that voters understand the measures put before them. As your constituent, I am urging you to uphold transparency with voters. Please ensure that each proposed charter change is a separate measure on the November ballot with clear and precise language that explicitly states what each entails if passed.

Sincerely,

Nydia

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

DM

Diego Martinez <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 1:52 PM

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Sincerely,

Diego Martinez

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency with Strong Mayor Initiative

JV

Jaime Velazquez <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 3:02 PM

[External Email]

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This is the only way I and my family members will be able to consider voting for this initiative in November.

We cannot vote blindly on a matter that hasn't been fully explored with and explained to the public.

I urge you to heed the requests of your constituents and those of City Councilperson Magdalena Carrasco and City Councilperson Raul Peralez.

Sincerely,

Jaime Velázquez

San Jose Resident

With 7 generations of family as San Jose residents

MO

martha O'Connell

Reply all

Yesterday, 3:06 PM

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Please post on line

City Council 7-28-20

Item 3.1

I support the Esparza/Carrasco memo.

In the event this goes on the ballot, each item should be separate. It is crystal clear that the reason the usual 6 want to consolidate all these items is to garner support for the “strong Mayor” system of City government. If the usual 6 were really concerned with the proposals on campaign reform and lobbyist restrictions they could achieve that by a vote of the Council. Those items do not need to go on the ballot. But the usual 6 want those good reforms embedded in one ballot measure along with the “strong Mayor” system – a last ditch effort to preserve the more conservative status quo.

It is also crystal clear to me that the usual 6 and the Mayor are concerned that Diep and Davis may lose their seats in November and be replaced by more progressive Council members that will result in the usual 6-5 votes going 6-5 or even 7-4 the other way. The strong Mayor system is an attempt to checkmate that possible electoral result.

No back room deals to preserve the status quo of developers, big money, landlords and other special interests not in the best interest of the average person who lives in San Jose.

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

PJ

Phyllis A Johnson <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

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From: Elijah Stoll <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 2:05 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Strong mayor measure

[External Email]

My name is Elijah Stoll,
I a resident of downtown San Jose. I heard there might be a vote or a decision regarding the Sam Licardo's push for "strong mayor" powers. Please stop trying to push this through. Delay the vote if there is one, delay the decision. Heck, throw it away, I think it sucks.

Thank you for your time

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

Rodriguez, Joy

Yesterday, 9:16 PM

JM

Julie Matsushima <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 3:23 PM

Liccardo, Sam

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Julie Riera Matsushima

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Concerned Citizen in District 1

From: Monica Mallon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:07 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> 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]>

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Monica Mallon

From: Veronica Amador <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:20 PM

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Veronica Amador

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Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:27 PM

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Lisa Mena

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Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:31 PM
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Thank you,

Mary Helen Doherty
San Jose Resident

From: Anna Ponce <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:56 PM

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Anna

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

Rodriguez, Joy

Yesterday, 9:18 PM

RP

Rosalie Pizzo <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 4:31 PM

Peralez, Raul

[External Email]

Dear Councilman Peralez,

It is surprising to me that the discussion centered on the issue of the "Strong Mayor Initiative" needs further discussion before it appears on the November ballot. I have heard the rational, further have read about the merits of extending the mayoral term of office and more importantly, have observed Sam Liccardo's mode of operation. In no way is the pejorative term, "power grab" or lack of "transparency" applicable in this case. Sam Liccardo is a man of principle who has served the community with integrity and wisdom. I know he will not abuse his power for personal gain.

Furthermore, I don't think that your constituents need more education in this regard. Most intelligent and concerned citizens can see readily the need to modify the mayor's term of office given the vibrancy and growing significance of this Valley.

Thank you for your service to the community and for listening.

Sincerely,
Rosalie Pizzo

From: Juan Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 5:02 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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<[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam
<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>

Subject: NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

[External Email]

Dear Councilmembers,

I urge you to vote no on strong Mayor Ballot, the mayor has no business interfering in any election. Especially his own. This measure goes against every single principal of our democracy.

Thank you

Juan Rodríguez
San José City Resident/Voter

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

Rodriguez, Joy

Yesterday, 9:18 PM

DQ

Dale Quantz <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 5:08 PM

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Sincerely, The people with the power

From: Stephanie Moya <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 5:57 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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JL

John Luebben <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 6:09 PM

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John Luebben

From: Samantha Lee <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 7:01 PM

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Thank you
Sam Lee

From: Carmelita Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 7:50 PM

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Thank you,

Carmelita Gutierrez

From: Lina Larionova <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:51 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you.

Regards, Lina Larionova.

From: kristen romero <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:58 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Thank you

From: Monica Mallon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:07 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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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.

Thank you

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Monica Mallon

From: Bob Mack <bob@bobmack3.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 3:26 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul
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Dear Councilmembers,

I feel that any major change in the City charter should go through the Charter View Committee and have multiple community meetings. This is standard procedure for changes.

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Thank you

Bob Mack

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

NP

Nicholas Puzar <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 9:31 PM

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Sincerely,

No Backroom Deals in San Jos%3%9

AV

angelina valverde <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 10:11 PM

[External Email]

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No Backroom Deals in San José

MD

Mita Dey <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 10:16 PM

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Vote NO on strong mayor!

Vote NO on backroom deals in San José!

Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo

Regards,

Mita Dey D8

No Backroom Deals in San José

MS

Melissa Scadina <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Yesterday, 10:18 PM

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AF

Alerie Flandez <[REDACTED]>

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MG

Maribel Garcia <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 10:23 PM

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Maribel Garcia <[REDACTED]>

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No Backroom Deals in San José

HN

Huong Nguyen <[REDACTED]>

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Yesterday, 10:26 PM

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Thank you!

No Backroom Deals in San José

RC

Rosana Carrasco <[REDACTED]>

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No Backroom Deals in San José

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Tim Espinoza