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Can this letter be placed into, the Neighborhood Services and Education committee packet, for Aug. 13.2020. under item, Open Forum.

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

To continue with important ideas, concepts & practices, I was writing and speaking about, before summer break.

As we have all been seeing, and learning good ideas of equity, across the state & country, over the last few years.

It is time to ask, how individual city govts., can begin a process, of more subtle, good adjustments, by better listening to, and speaking with, their everyday community,

Again, I think it is government and community, together, at the local level, thst has the care, to address, decision making, at the federal and intl. level.

In the fears we all have, at this time, and with some additional broadband, and vision zero surveillance technology, that is needed, at this time,

How can people, of sj govt., help facilitate with everyday community, how to better ask, what technology & surveillance, is being placed in their neighborhood.

And how can, San Jose city govt., be sure, that telecomm companies are sending notifications, in enough time, for people to have, a 20-day appeal process.

Ash Kalra, and other Bay Area assemblypersons, are a part of assembly bills, 1482 & 1436, that work very well, towards full rent and mortgage forgiveness, for both tenants & owners..

City govt. has an incredibly important role, to explain good logic, in this time of emergency.

And to be sure owners, don't cause, harmful accidents, evictions, and unnecessary courts trials, with the very reasonable intentions, of these forgiveness assembly bills

As we all need to consider, the initial demands of Covid-19, from the international level, that needs caution to address.

With really good ideas, in both Spanish & Vietnamese translation, at the same time, for the future, of many San Jose city govt. sponsored, public meetings & functions.

It is now time, we all ask, how to take the next step, and be sure, to work with Zoom, to be sure, people can simply find the word - Vietnamese - when looking for Vietnamese translation, on the Zoom app.

This can be an important time, everyday community, can work together, to address the future, of local community energy.

And how to distance ourselves, from the large corporate practices of PG&E.

And to better develop, good, democratic practices, with local ideas of renewable energy, and positive sustainability.

And finally, Michelle Mashburn, does the day-to-day office work, for the San Jose Peace and Justice center.

She is also, an important advocate, for disability rights and issues.

When she writes a letter to your city govt, on a disability issue, in an official capacity - San Jose City govt., needs to learn, to always write back, fairly promptly, in the professional terms.

And as a local community govt., always should, in such circumstances.

To conclude, these are the small, helpful ideas & efforts, that grow over time. And how a community, can work, to be open & positive.

A thank you, and a happy return, to the neighborhood services and education committee.

sincerely,
blair beekman

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