

FW: For inclusion in public record, Sep 1 Council Meeting, Item 3.1

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Wed 8/26/2020 12:39 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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For 3.1 on 9-1-20 council agenda. Thank you!

Rachel Ramirez

Senior Analyst

Fiscal/HR/Grant Administration

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200 E. Santa Clara Street, 14th Floor, San José, CA 95113

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:58 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]>

Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]>

Ceja, Patricia

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Zenk, Jessica

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Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

Please put Vehicle Abatement back to work at full capacity with full responsibilities to clean up our blighted neighborhoods.

You can see the automated response below that I received from Parking Compliance Supervisor Gina Novello when I questioned her as to why two reports of mine about abandoned vehicles were closed without any action by Vehicle Abatement.

I would really like someone to explain to me the line from her response: "Reduced resources and the COVID-19 operating environment." How were resources reduced? Were they redeployed? Laid-off or furloughed? And what exactly is the "COVID-19 operating environment"? How can Vehicle Abatement personnel contract a virus by placing a self-adhesive orange paper on a vehicle's window? By tapping on their personal computer? By ordering a tow truck? What am I missing here?

Plain old blighted abandoned vehicles aren't good-enough anymore. Vehicles have to be missing parts. Parts on a city-defined list. Filthy vehicles with weeds growing under them covered in spider webs and surrounded by dry leaves are not "extreme blight" and no longer even merit an orange tag, much less a tow. Toss some mattresses

on or around them and maybe you have a shot at having them towed. Better yet, torch them. But as you can see from the attached photos, they're not even being towed in these "enhanced" conditions.

We're being overrun by abandoned vehicles out here on our neighborhood streets. They're torched, dumped on and around, missing parts, and just plain filthy. If the coronavirus is going to be with us for the foreseeable future, we need to get back to work at pre-pandemic levels. The coronavirus is not an excuse to allow the city to fall into a state of disrepair that will take months or longer from which to recover.

Please put Vehicle Abatement back to work at full capacity with full responsibilities to clean up our blighted neighborhoods.

Regards,
Davide Vieira

All you leave behind are memories -- make them good ones

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From: Novello, Gina <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Automatic reply: Why were my vehicle abatement reports closed?

Hello,

In response to the Shelter-in-Place order, on March 17th the DOT Parking and Downtown Operations Team temporarily ceased Parking Services including the processing of Vehicle Abatement Service Requests and the issuance of parking citations. Additionally, citation fine payment and adjudication deadlines were extended by 150-days for citations issued on or before March 19, 2020 (currently expires: 8/17/20). Free Parking was also provided at on-street meters, and within the City's downtown surface lots and garages (except City Hall, the City Hall Employee Garages, and the Convention Center which remain closed to the public).

Beginning on June 8th limited Parking Services were reintroduced citywide. Parking and Traffic Control Officers (PTCOs) began conducting systematic vehicle patrols throughout San José. During these patrols PTCOs are proactively driving every public street within city identifying and addressing only safety and health concerns related to parking. Reduced resources and the COVID-19 operating environment continue to impact the level of services provided by the Parking Compliance Unit. Current Parking Compliance services are as follows:

VEHICLE ABATEMENT

PTCOs will not be able to respond to requests submitted via email, online or through the San José 311 mobile app. Additionally, please understand that PTCOs are also not able to tow vehicles that appear to be lived in.

PTCOs are focusing on proactively addressing clearly non-operational vehicles, and vehicles that pose a health, or safety concern, or are contributing to extreme blight. By patrolling every city street, we are making better and more equitable use of staff resources while removing more vehicles. Only

vehicles that meet Non-Operational or Health/Safety/Blight criteria (see below) are being towed at this time.

WHAT DOES NON-OPERATIONAL MEAN?

Vehicles are considered non-operational ONLY if they are:

- Missing a windshield, or
- Missing the driver's seat, or
- Missing two or more wheels, or
- Missing steering wheel, or
- Missing an engine, or
- Have any damage substantial enough that the vehicle is rendered completely immobile.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN OR CONTRIBUTING TO EXTREME BLIGHT"?

Vehicles are considered a safety concern or contributing to extreme blight if they are:

- On jacks / blocks, or
- Missing or have shattered windows, or
- Vandalized / Graffiti (non-commercial vehicle), or
- With significantly flat tires, or
- Attracting illegal dumping activities.

WARNINGS & CITATIONS

PTCOs will not be able to respond to individual requests for enforcement submitted via email, online or through the San José 311 mobile app.

The Parking Compliance Unit has been conducting proactive safety violation patrols citywide, touching every city street, and issuing citation warnings for identified safety violations, since June 22nd. Since initiating proactive patrols, the PCU has issued over 4,000 citation warnings throughout the city for safety related violations such as blocking curb ramps, bike lanes, sidewalks, red curbs and no-parking.

With the return of paid parking in the downtown on August 3rd, enforcement activities are being expanded to include meter related violations. This expansion of enforcement services will supplement current safety violation patrols.

Parking compliance activities are being phased in thoughtfully, addressing potential health and safety concerns while remaining sensitive to our community's economic concerns, as well as, public health order protocols.

Updates and changes to available parking services will be announced in the City's Flash Reports: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/news-stories/news/emergency-notifications>

Additional information on parking service updates is available at: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Home/Components/News/News/1563/5104>

Thank you for your understanding and your continued adherence to the Shelter-in-Place order.

Stay safe.

Parking Compliance Staff
Gina Novello

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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Rachel Ramirez

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-----Original Message-----

From: Berta Vasquez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:10 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Sam and City of San José,

I am fed up with the blighted state of our city in recent months! Come on San José we can do better!!!
Make us proud to live in this city we call home!

Item 3.1 is the Report of the City Manager. Subitem (a) is City Manager's COVID 19 Update. Next Tuesday, the City Manager will be focusing on cleaning and sanitation efforts during the pandemic.

We are in this together, let's make changes for the betterment of our city!

Troubled Áreas >

E. St John St between 13th & 17th St is an RV park we cannot even walk through there there For fear of our safety and with all the garbage and urine smell.

The parking lot at 13th and St John is a mess

Vestal / mission st at 13th St continues to be a troubled spot. I know there have been efforts to clear this area but they keep coming back and leaving so much trash.

The area at 27th and E Santa Clara st At Mc Donald's site remains a filth.

Thank you for your attention!

Regards
Berta Vasquez
Concerned Neighbor

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City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Thu 8/27/2020 9:57 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14th Floor

San Jose, CA 95113

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How is our service? [Please take our short survey.](#)

From: Andrea Ostrowski <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:33 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: For inclusion in public record for Sept 1 council meeting item 3.1

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I have lived in San Jose for 45 years. Specifically in the Willow Glen area. Never in my life have I seen the amount of blight, graffiti and just trash throughout the entire city and freeway entrances. Literally trash is pouring out onto the streets. It is beginning to feel like I live in a 3rd world country. I am embarrassed to call San Jose my home. How is it that we pay so much in taxes and our city looks like a literal garbage dump. I am open to helping in any way possible.

Thank you,

Andrea Ostrowski

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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How is our service? [Please take our short survey.](#)

From: Jeff <[redacted]>

Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:13 AM

To: City Clerk <[redacted]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

<[redacted]> Peralez, Raul <[redacted]> District 10

<[redacted]> District2 <[redacted]> District4 <[redacted]> District5

<[redacted]> District 6 <[redacted]> District7 <[redacted]> District8

<[redacted]> District9 <[redacted]> District1 <[redacted]> Sykes, Dave

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Before our once beautiful city falls permanently into disrepair, I STRONGLY urge that Vehicle Abatement be reinstated with full authority to tag/tow the hundreds of abandoned vehicles that are attracting further blight in our neighborhood.

I am not interested in hearing any further excuses from Parking Compliance. The time to act is NOW before our city is beyond any hope of cleanup.

I never quite understood how the pandemic impacted Parking Compliance from doing their regular work. Yes, I 'get it' that with the shelter-in-place, that many thousands of people had no place to park their cars, especially in the downtown area.

What I am talking about are the obvious cases of our neighborhoods being used as a dumping ground for totally inoperative vehicles. This includes cars, trucks, trailers, RV's. Many/most have expired or non-existent plates.

If you allow this blight to continue unabated, we may soon be passed the tipping point where we'll never be able to reclaim our neighborhoods.

Do you want to see examples?
Take some action NOW before those examples are plastered all across the media.

Jeff Levine
Roosevelt Park Neighborhood
San Jose District 3 CERT



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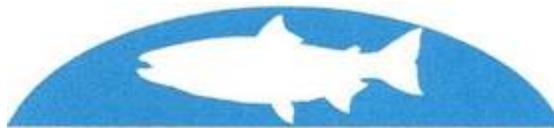
City Clerk

Mon 8/31/2020 2:10 PM

[REDACTED]

From: Carol Szymkiewicz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 2:09 PM
To: City Clerk [REDACTED]
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1 at September 1, 2020 San Jose Council Meeting

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SOUTH BAY CLEAN CREEKS COALITION

Reclaim • Restore • Revitalize • SBCCC

8/31/20

To: Mayor Sam Liccardo and Distinguished Council Members,

From: Steve Holmes, Executive Director, South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition Subject: Trash Update

For the past 7.5 years, South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition SBCCC has been working to reclaim our local Waterways. This year we will eclipse a significant milestone, 1,000,000 lbs. of trash cleared from in and around our creeks. At past meetings I have raised the question, "Are we winning the War on trash". With the onset of COVID-19, the trash situation has become even more dire with hundreds of our unhoused now living adjacent to our living creeks with much of their trash piling up in the creeks and stream banks. It would be one thing if this problem was isolated only to City property but with the upcoming winter storms much of this trash will be pushed downstream exiting into the Bay and subsequently the Pacific Ocean. This is an ecological disaster.

What have learned from our past reclamation work? With support from CDFW Game Wardens and City Park Rangers we were able to keep Los Gatos Creek relatively encampment free for several years and saw limited resources required to sustain. We had hoped that with the reintroduction of SJPD that patrols could help to move the trash problem ahead. But SJPD scope of work doesn't currently address the environmental impact of trash linked to these encampments.

We are not alone in this struggle to find adequate housing for our unhoused. Recently, Sacramento implemented an ordinance which prevents camping within 50' of the levees & Stockton has also worked to prevent camps along their streams. The City of San Jose is a leader on many initiatives but we need to look to our neighboring cities and adopt programs that are working. The answer is not to increase capacity of existing programs if we are not willing to address the root causes. Why can't we achieve both; housing for all and clean healthy creeks?

Sincerely,



Steve Holmes

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CouncilMeeting

Tue 9/1/2020 8:30 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: mv [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 5:27 PM

To: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeti[REDACTED]>

Subject: Item 3.1

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SJ city must enforce encampment code enforcements & traffic calming measurements. I have participated with Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful to remove trash from Coyote Creek. As a member of friends of Watson park, I am continually updating the Sj dept of parks on the amount of trash around Watson park. As a member of NNA, I am also concerned with the amount of people speeding in Northside & the amount of crashes to pedestrian, bicyclists and vehicles. MORE enforcement is need for quality of life!

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FW: 3.1 Report of the City Manager, David Sykes (Verbal Report)

City Clerk

Tue 9/1/2020 9:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

Hello,

Please let me know if this email is for agenda desk.

From: Jason Su <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 9:08 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Ceja, Patricia <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]> Sykes, Dave <[REDACTED]> Ortbal, Jim <[REDACTED]> Rios, Angel <[REDACTED]>
Williams, Olympia <[REDACTED]> Cicirelli, Jon <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]> Henninger, Ragan <[REDACTED]> Hon, Eric <[REDACTED]>
Steve Holmes <[REDACTED]> Kline, Kelly <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 3.1 Report of the City Manager, David Sykes (Verbal Report)

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Dear San Jose Mayor and City Council,

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy appreciates the various efforts our City is doing to support our parks, trails, waterways, and open spaces. These include the following among others:

- Additional support to Beautify SJ, particularly around anti-litter/graffiti and parks maintenance in response to COVID 19
- The Mayor's SJ Bridge initiative to support opportunities for our unhoused community in addition to reducing litter in our city
- Initiatives by the Housing Department to increase homeless outreach and services
- City Auditor's Report on Parks Maintenance (Item 3.6)

These efforts are necessary to support our community resilience through parks and public spaces, particularly as we approach the end of 2020, with the pandemic and its cascading effects to impact us for years to come. They also need to be sustained if we are to weather the threats to our community, economy, and ecology for the foreseeable future.

We appreciate the current efforts by our Mayor and City Council, and the hard work by our PRNS, DOT, and Housing Department colleagues to address the multitude of impacts facing our community since the pandemic hit.

Significant progress can only be achieved with sustained funding and support, and **we urge our City leadership to protect and increase such support for Beautify SJ, in addition to the other initiatives led by the City**, especially as we enter into 2021.

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Jason Su

Executive Director | [Guadalupe River Park Conservancy](#)



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Board

8/28/20

Tim McRae
President
Silicon Valley Leadership
Group

City of San José Mayor and Councilmembers:
RE: City Council meeting 9/1/20, Agenda Item 3.1

Shelley Pneh
Treasurer
Grassroots Ecology

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful works with community groups, public agencies, and students to restore Coyote Creek through cleanups, plantings, recreational and cultural activities, and educational partnerships.

Jennifer Rycenga
Secretary
San Jose State University

Our vision is a vibrant Coyote Creek: clean waters, abundant wildlife, and natural beauty that everyone can enjoy.

Deb Kramer
Board Member
KCCB Executive Director

We understand that we are not the organization that will solve homelessness, an enormously complex issue. But we know that our work impacts the politics of homelessness. Coyote Creek is a vital water resource for all people, a part of our shared commonwealth, and a part of the local ecological web.

Staff
Deb Kramer
Executive Director

We are NOT in support of people living in and along the creek - it is dangerous for them, for the water resource, and for the habitat. But, we are empathetic with the plight of homeless people, especially in this time of simultaneous social and climate crises. We will look to learn more about the contours and root causes of the problem and align ourselves with those attempting to address it.

Colter Cook
Interpretive Coordinator

Rebekah Cotton
Event Coordinator

To do so, we will continue to participate in the City of San Jose's BeautifySJ program to remove trash in and along Coyote Creek. We will continue participating in the Valley Water board ad hoc committee on homelessness. And, we will work with other community groups, such as environmental and affordable housing organizations, to advocate for healthy waterways by supporting efforts to build housing for homeless people who want and need it.

Sincerely,

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful Board
Tim McRae, President
Shelley Pneh, Treasurer
Jennifer Rycenga, Secretary
Deb Kramer, Executive Director

FW: For item 3.1 today in the council agenda

City Clerk

Tue 9/1/2020 9:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>;

From: Glory [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 9:45 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: For item 3.1 today in the council agenda

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Thank you!

From: Glory [REDACTED] >
Date: September 1, 2020 at 4:08:54 AM PDT
To: cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org, sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov, dave.sykes@sanjoseca.gov, jim.ortbal@sanjoseca.gov, mike.medina@sanjoseca.gov, olympia.williams@sanjoseca.gov
Cc: Deb Kramer <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Neighborhood on Tuers Rd, along the CoYote Creek Park: Between Capital Express Way and Yerbabuena Rd.

Mayor Sam Liccardo and San Jose City Managers & Officials :

I am reaching out to each one of you in despair because our neighborhood is inundated with homeless encampments at Coyote Creek Park and illegal dumping right in front of our lawn, backyard, sidewalks, street intersections and main roads.

My neighbors and I have also cleaned many times human feces from the sidewalks because our children, elders and pets run the risks of getting contaminated. We have also recovered many needles that are thrown into the main road on Tuers. If anyone would have been stuck by the needles, they run the risk of contracting numerous diseases. The people who are primarily at risk are our children and youth as sometimes they are outside playing.

There are men and woman from the encampments who have hijacked the Coyote Creek Park to use it for their drinking habits. They sit by the entrance to the park and drink beer openly for hours as if the Coyote Creek Park was their personal property. Under these circumstances no local residents can't go into the park. We have contacted many times to the appropriate departments for homeless outreach programs and illegal dumping but there is never a permanent solution.

Once the illegal dumping is cleaned, the illegal dumping continues with no regards to the signs that says "NO ILEGAL DUMPING" The main reason why there is so much illegal dumping in our neighborhood is because the people living in the homeless encampments at Coyote Creek Park throw their garbage around the perimeters

of the park.

At night some of them walk around in the suburb and they were recorded in our home security cámaras urinating and defecating in the street. No one feels safe at night to even walk their pets on Tuers Road. One of the neighbors tells the atrocious and chilling story when her daughter was raped while ridding her bike through the Coyote Creek Park.

we have observed suspicious activities happening late at night around 1 AM on Tuers Rd and Alvernaz Dr. Some nights we see two high end cars with tinted windows parked along the shoulder of Coyote Creek Park. The two men from the two cars interacts casually with four men who lives in the creek. After a while they seem to exchange something. Since we can't get too close to see what these people are doing late at night in a residential neighborhood-we could only imagine what it looks obvious to us.

We had called the San Jose Police department and asked the dispatcher to please send a police officer to patrol the area. We gave as much details as possible and our information in case if the police officer wanted to get in touch with us. However, the police officer never arrived or contacted us. We believe and trust our police officers. We need them to patrol our neighborhood. We used to see them patrol few months back but we are not sure Why they haven't been as responsive as they used.

Our neighborhood is not Willow Glen or Palo Alto but we can be like them or even better.

We feel that our neighborhood hasn't been given the priority that it needs. We want A CHANGE! We want our neighborhood to be CLEAN and SAFE!

We want to build a good example for our CHILDREN. We need to ERRADICATE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS from The Coyote Creek Park.

1. Our neighborhood is requesting to please have all of the homeless encampments PERMANENTLY removed from the Coyote Creek Park and from it's surroundings. I was already told that because of tracing of covid19 infection that homeless encampments were not being removed at the moment. Nevertheless, this is not an excuse to not relocate them to an interim location where they can have access to a bathroom, shower, hand washing station, food...etc.

2. Complete restoration of the Coyote Creek Park and it's beautiful nature. Installation of new fences all around the park with multiple gate entrances for the local residents and anyone who respectfully appreciates and wants to enjoy the park.

As mentioned already, right now the Coyote Creek Park is off limits to local residents because it's not safe with all of the current homeless encampments.

Did I mention that one man living in the creek has a dog and sometimes the dog wonders around the park unsupervised. I am afraid that someone walking by can get bit by this dog.

3. Installation of signs saying " Encampments are not Allow at Coyote Creek Park" " If anyone needs immediate housing assistance Or any other assistance then the number or information should be displayed here ..." this way the person is given the opportunity to hopefully make the right choice.

4. We need more post lights installed along Tuers Rd.

5. Can there be a park ranger or someone always responsible for always keeping the Coyote Creek park clean and safe?

5. We need the Police officers to Patrol the area regularly on daily basis, especially late at night.

Please do not cut back on our police officers. Our community needs them. We feel safer when we see them patrolling our streets.

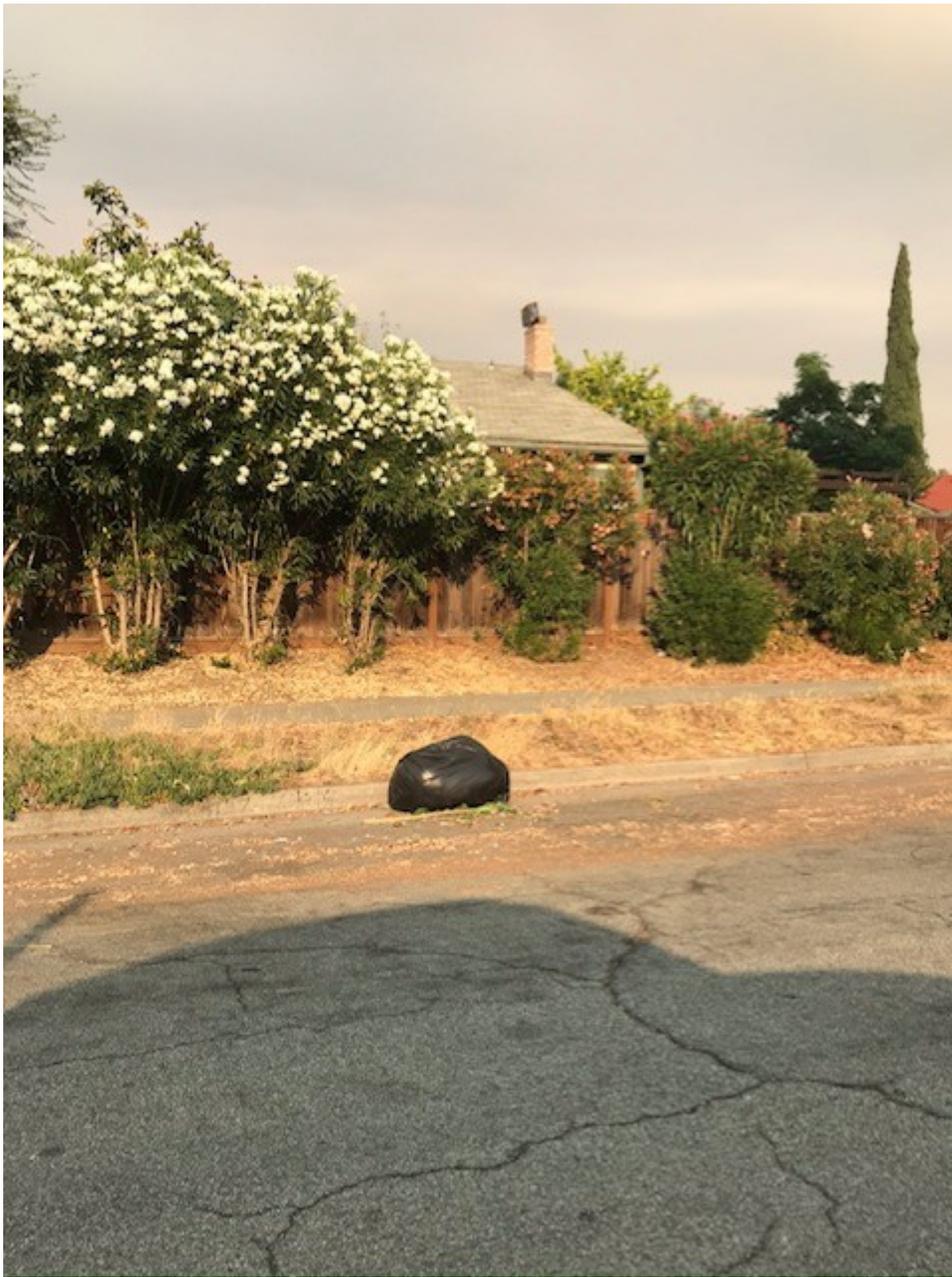
We are doing our part by being responsible citizens. We work extra hard to keep a roof over our head and provide for our families. We clean our streets, we pay our taxes, we pay to fix the sidewalks in front of our property, we pay to trim the trees in the San Jose city property and we plant trees and water the plants on the city property. As a home owners we are doing a lot more that any other cities.

Mayor Sam Liccardo, and San Jose City officials, I ask to all of you to take our concerns and recommendations seriously. We want you to know that we want A CHANGE! We want a CLEAN and a SAFE community for our CHILDREN. We wouldn't STOP until our neighborhood is a priority and all the mentioned issues are addressed.

With Sincere Respect,

Gloria and Neighbors

























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Tue 9/1/2020 10:30 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

-----Original Message-----

From: Shruti Chandrasekhar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 9:53 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Agenda item 3.1 - Sep 1st, 2020 Council Meeting

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Dear Mayor & Council Members,

My family & I have participated in several of our creek cleanups and our saddened by the amount of trash that end up in our beautiful creeks. My kids (4yrs & 8yrs) ask me 'why there is more trash every time we cleanup?' Honestly, I've run out of answers for them!

Organizations like South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition & Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful continue to do a terrific job of organizing these cleanups. However, their efforts are futile until we fix the root cause.

I understand homelessness is a huge problem by itself which we should address. However, why not address the trash issue before it becomes another one of those issues? What can we do to keep the homeless away from setting camps near our creeks? I'm sure if we put the right resources in place, we can tackle this problem.

Thank you for your service!
Shruti Chandrasekhar

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FW: Item 3.1 - City Manager's Report

City Clerk

Tue 9/1/2020 10:29 AM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: charles smith <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 9:53 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Item 3.1 - City Manager's Report

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Comment on litter clean up and dumping

I have attended many litter clean up, mostly for Coyote Creek. If it is not already being done, we need to appeal directly to the homeless that create so much of this trash. Educate them face to face on trying to keep the environment clean by bagging trash. Designate some places and/or provide dumpsters for them to leave those bags.

On hot spots for illegal dumping eg., Foxworthy and Almaden Creek area, place hidden cameras and prosecute the perpetrators. Fine them heavily. Do this on a few pilot areas to see if the effort pays for itself.

Charles S Smith

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