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Lita Kurth

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Dev Davis,

San Jose needs more affordable housing AND San Jose needs a source of funds to help pay for this housing. The logical source of funds is a fee on new commercial construction which is creating the work spaces attracting more workers to San Jose. They may not live in affordable housing, but by creating more demand for housing, we need to create housing for those who do not earn big bucks but whose labor we all depend on - teachers, nurses, child care workers, baristas....

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Surrounding cities have a Commercial Linkage Fee, why not San Jose. And our Linkage fee should not be any less than that of neighboring cities!!!

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All people deserve a place to live regardless of income.

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Lynette Mendoza

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Megan Nguyen

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Sylvia Arenas,

As a constituent of District 8, I am writing to urge you to support a strong commercial linkage fee to meet our community's dire need for affordable housing. I've lived in San Jose practically my whole life and want to buy a home & have a family in our beautiful San Jose, however thanks to big tech moving in as well as the rising costs of living in the Bay Area I will be priced out of buying a home in my city. Meanwhile we're offering up San Jose land at 10 p/sq ft. You can't even buy a house in the Bay Area with that square footage. Why do you think it's ok to offer this up to HUGE real estate developers? And continue to let down your communities who are getting displaced?!

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Councilmember Davis, I have exchanged emails with you where you claim to support affordable housing. I would love to see you follow through.

Best
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District 6

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Julia Barba

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

I am writing to urge you to support a strong commercial linkage fee to meet our community's dire need for affordable housing. I work as a nurse practitioner in a community clinic. During this pandemic, I have patients who've faced eviction after being out of work for months. I have patients who tested positive for COVID but could not follow recommendations to isolate because of their crowded living conditions. Apart from the pandemic, housing plays a critical role in health. Patients without housing can't store medications appropriately and don't have a place to cook healthy meals. My patients are working multiple jobs to afford rent and sacrificing their health and well-being in the process.

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Why is the city subsidizing these business that already make huge profits rather than charging a sufficient fee to support development of an adequate number of affordable homes? The City's recently proposed fee of \$5-\$10 doesn't come close to addressing the needs created by these high tech offices.

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On a personal note, I too would like to live in the city I was born and raised without being pushed out by rich tech people moving into the city and driving up rent. WE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

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I lived in San Jose for the first twelve years of my life. It was a magical place, an melting pot of so many different cultures. I loved it there. Unfortunately, our rent was too high and we decided to leave San Jose for Sacramento so that my parents could save up for their retirement and their children's college. Thankfully my family and I were able to find a new place to live, but I know this isn't the case for everyone. Many families will be evicted with no place to go. There are families that have called San Jose their home for decades. There's no place quite like San Jose, and we need to give these families the help they need so they can continue to make San Jose the incredible place it already is. If affordable housing isn't guaranteed, people will suffer.

I want my kids to live where I grew up one day. It was the best childhood a kid could have. Walking to Country Lane Elementary on the weekends to play basketball, or shopping at Mercado Mexico with my mom- those are my fondest memories. No one deserves to feel scared in their own home, wondering if they'll be able to make rent this month.

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