



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
September 17, 2020 – September 24, 2020

DATE: September 30, 2020

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Blair Beekman. 9.24.20. Public record-1

b. beekman [REDACTED]

Thu 9/24/2020 11:59 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear San Jose community, and city govt,

In all of the work, we are going to go through, in the next few years, to ask better questions, of what exactly can be, issues of defund, de-militarization, reform, & re-imagining.

A simple reminder, that the recent work, thoughts, and ideas, from the SF Bay area, towards new ideas of community and policing -

Are actually, long time studies & practices, based on ideas of peace.

And, is what is helping relieve the tension, across the country, at this time.

As these are, the attempts & ideas, of entire local communities, working together, towards open democratic practices.

And that is working, to better allow the voice, of each individual, to also help develop, the ideas of long term sustainability, and peace, for a community.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Blair Beekman. 9.24.20. Public Record-2.

b. beekman [REDACTED]

Thu 9/24/2020 11:59 AM

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Dear San Jose community, and City govt,

A reminder of the incredible work, of the county of Alameda, the cities of Berkeley, and Oakland, at this time.

The East Bay, has a history, of working towards, more labor union, and workmg class, Democratic party ideals.

They have developed & planned ideas, for the next few years of Covid-19, that are smart & intelligent.

And that actively works, to minimize suffering of everyday community, in the initial, international demands, of Covid-19.

Some of the the more interesting ideas of early Covid-19 relief, in Ca., may have initially come from, Republican party sources.

It is interesting, how the East Bay, has turned these ideas, into their own.

Offering good ways, how to factor in, all points of view, in the work towards, progressive ideas, values, and principles.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Blair Beekman. 9.24.20. Public Record-3.

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Thu 9/24/2020 12:21 PM

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Dear San Jose community, and city govt,

With the important needs, of housing, transit, and local community energy, at this time,

And to consider, the important work of San Jose assemblyperson Ash Kalra, at this time, in Sacramento.

I hope the city of San Jose, the VTA, and south bay city govt. agencies, can learn important lessons, from Alameda Co. at this time.

Including, the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, and the EBCE, local community energy.

And from this, also make interesting comparisons, with the very good work of Caltrain, on the SF peninsula, as well.

As they are foresaking, rate increases, this next year. To instead concentrate on, new ideas of equity, in public transit service.

I hope everyday people, & advocacy, alike, can feel it is safe, to compare & share, how different local bay area communities, are currently trying to address, the next few years of Covid-19.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Blair Beekman. 9.24.20. Public Record-4.

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Thu 9/24/2020 11:58 AM

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Dear San Jose community, and city govt,

Can a person, from San Jose, who is currently making a court appeal - have body camera footage, to help his defense case ?

This was first brought to, a Rules and Open Government public hearing, January 22, 2020.

This can be part of, a meaningful review period, of local govt. practices, in this time of Covid-19 and protests.

This may begin to ask, a larger question, since the launch, of a more extensive police body camera program, across the country, 5 years ago.

Body Cameras, may simply lead to, long term health issues, & higher cancer rates.

And that police, wearing body cameras all day, may actually be hurting ideas, of positive, long term, community sustainability.

As a police officer, knowing they have to wear, a piece of equipment, that may cause themselves, serious health effects -

This may subtly contribute to, an overall depression, apathy, and bad decision making, in their day to day community work.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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