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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 5:41 PM

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Subject: Vote NO on Mayor Liccardo's Memo, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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No Backroom Deals in San José

DH

Dieu Huynh <[REDACTED]>

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Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

BG

Barbara Goldstein <[REDACTED]>

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Today, 6:13 PM

District3

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Dear Councilman Peralez:

I support your stance on separating the ballot decisions on election timing from the strong mayor initiative. Election timing is a move that will encourage greater voter turnout as it will coincide with presidential elections. The strong mayor initiative is, in my opinion, something that requires more thoughtful discussion as it is a complex issue. I have worked in or with two major cities that have strong mayor systems -- Seattle and Chattanooga -- and I have seen both the advantages and the disadvantages of this system. If the strong mayor initiative is on the November ballot, it is essential that voters understand the implications of the measures that are placed before put before them. As your constituent, I urge you to uphold transparency with voters. Each proposed charter change should be treated as a separate measure on the ballot with clear and precise language that clearly explains what each entails if passed.

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Rita Garcia <[REDACTED]>

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Item 3.1 - Mayor's Supplemental Memo

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Today, 6:39 PM

City Clerk;

Agendadesk;

Taber, Toni

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Hello,

While I'm grateful to see that this process will be delayed, I was a bit concerned after reading the Mayor's memo and seeing the following (screenshot below). The first sentence reads as if organizations were the only ones that voiced their opposition, and ignores the hundreds of community members (not affiliated with any organizations or at least the ones you speak of) that wrote or called in. It affirms that our voices have little to no impact, and that we're being ignored by our representatives. Does our Mayor lead for organizations e.g. developers and unions, or does he represent the people?

Uniting In Crisis

In recent weeks, several organizations have urged that we slow the process of charter reforms designed to lead to a more effective, accountable, and representative government. Given what has become a highly contentious political environment surrounding these efforts - They're right. We need to slow this down, to enable more outreach and community engagement.

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MD

Mita Dey <[REDACTED]>

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Gratefully,
Mita Dey D8
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VA

Veronica Amador <[REDACTED]>

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CM

Claudia Martinez <[REDACTED]>

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Zapopan Monica Vazquez <[REDACTED]>

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JL

Jackie Lebrun [REDACTED]

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-Jacqueline Stahlberger

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TG

Teresa Garate [REDACTED]

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Mon 7/27/2020 8:19 PM

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Rosana Carrasco <[REDACTED]>

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Jeremy Taylor <[REDACTED]>

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Support the Mayor/Council Initiative

KM

Kevin McClelland <[REDACTED]>

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Mon 7/27/2020 9:40 PM

To:

Agendadesk

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Dear Clerk City Clerk,

Please vote to pass the Inclusion, Accountability & Better Government Reform Measure.

We need government to be effective, responsive, and accountable to the community for services, results and to bring local government into the 21st century. We must have the people's choice, an elected Accountable Mayor, be directly responsible for the city rather than career bureaucrats. The public must have confidence that their elected officials are driving the community's priorities.

The community expects their elected officials to be able to take action during times of crisis. It's a complete charade when we elect a citywide leader that doesn't have the tools to create or affect change. That responsibility must be in the hands of an elected Mayor.

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.

Sincerely,

Kevin McClelland

Item 3.1 - Strong Mayor Initiative - San Jose Resident Input

JL

Julian Le <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Mon 7/27/2020 10:15 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Julian Le and I am a resident of District 3. It has been brought to my attention that tomorrow a vote will be cast that will allow the current mayor to hold an additional two years in office without community input.

I understand the goal that is trying to be accomplished, but I hope that you take into consideration that it's important to be open, honest, and transparent about why. Simply putting verbiage that is confusing to the voters will not help achieve this goal.

I urge you to please communicate this to the voters as transparently as possible. Then and only then will we be the fair and goal-achieving San Jose I know we can be.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Julian Le

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EA

Elliott Anaya <[REDACTED]>

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Tue 7/28/2020 7:16 AM

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Sincerely,

Elliott Anaya

Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

RR

Rita R Ruiz <[REDACTED]>

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Liccardo, Sam

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

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and City Council Members Jimenez, Peralez, Diep, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Khamis,

We at Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley (formerly South Bay) **share the League of Women's Voters' and others' concerns** about the *Potential Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter*. Although our primary area of focus is climate justice, we recognize that we will not be able to advocate effectively for this cause--nor any of the other vital issues we face--if our government is not fully representational, transparent, equitable, and inclusive.

We applaud Mayor Liccardo for listening to the community and proposing to delay the placement of a strong mayor proposal on the ballot until 2022. It's vital that this process include robust community input, especially from underrepresented portions of our community, and a thorough consideration of the complex pros and cons of various city governance structures.

We agree with the League of Women Voters that:

- Proposing a major change to our city's governance structure should not be done hastily and needs to be preceded by an Independent Charter Review Commission.
- Given the tremendous financial strains the City is experiencing, expensive ballot measures should not be placed on the ballot unless truly necessary.
- Ballot measures should not contain multiple subjects. Each of these three proposals should be considered separately, not intertwined.
- The City Council should use its own authority to strengthen campaign finance transparency and disclosure laws rather than put these issues on a ballot measure.

Therefore, we **agree with Mayor Liccardo's proposal to delay** a charter revision proposal until November 2022, and we appreciate Vice Mayor Jones's and Councilmembers Esparza and Carrasco's thoughtful recommendations. **We support Councilmember Arenas's memo specifying a requirement for significant community engagement to determine if and how our government structure should change. We urge you to adopt Councilmember Arenas's recommendations as, in our judgment, they combine the best ideas of the previous ones.**

Thank you in advance for ensuring a representational, fair, inclusive, and transparent process for making such a consequential decision as changing our governance structure.

Sincerely,
Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Co-founder and Coach
Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley

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Lanan Hleigh
District 7 Resident
San Jose, CA

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Thank you,
Serena Alvarez, Esq.

From: Cass K <[REDACTED]>

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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:24 PM
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Stacy Klopfer
Resident

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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 10:12 PM
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Thank you ,

Elaine Talerico

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Kristan Suko
District 4 San Jose resident

From: Janet Holt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:26 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Janet Holt <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Special Council Meeting Item 20-822 Public Comment

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Thank you,
Janet Holt
Resident D8

From: daniel reyes <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:42 AM

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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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:06 AM

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> Brian Wheatley
> SJUSD Board Vice President
> Trustee Area 4

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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:02 AM

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No Backroom Deals in San José

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Tomara Hall <[REDACTED]>

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Tue 7/28/2020 10:15 AM

To:

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Tomara Hall, M.A.
Education Specialist

From: Nathan Notary <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 10:09 AM
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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Nathan Ganeshan

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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:18 AM
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Thank you,
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Teacher
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Against strong mayor initiative

AR

Alberto Ribas <[REDACTED]>

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Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

DP

Denise Peralez <[REDACTED]>

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Tue 7/28/2020 1:20 PM

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Sincerely,

From: Victor Garcia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:17 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie
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Sachin Radhakrishnan <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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Miros Venegas [REDACTED]

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Sat 8/1, 2:01 AM

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