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AR

Araceli Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>

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Dulce Aguilera <[REDACTED]>

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~ Dulce

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EN

Elizabeth Nocos <[REDACTED]>

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Guadalupe Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>

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Rocio Palacios <[REDACTED]>

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A concerned constituent,  
Rocio Peña

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MK

Monica Kitchiner <[REDACTED]>

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HB

Heather Burns <[REDACTED]>

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Claudia Gil <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you so much,  
Patricia Mendoza

**From:** Mariseth Abat <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 7:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**From:** Curtis A. Jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 6:09 AM  
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**Subject:** Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!

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Dear San Jose City Councilmember,

I am writing to ask that you vote to APPROVE Councilmember Peralez's memo directing that an inclusive, community-driven Charter Review Commission be convened. The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place.

There certainly was a long and public city council meeting discussing the merit (which I can't see) of rushing this initiative to the November ballot. However legal the process may be it sure smells of sneaking a big change into the charter under the cover of Covid.

Thank you,

Curtis A. Jones

**From:** Monica Kitchiner <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 4:30 AM

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**From:** Barb MacNeil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 12:40 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** District 10 <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 7/28/2020 Council meeting - ITEM 3.1

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Dear Mayor and Council members,

ITEM 3.1. 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.

Furthermore, we strongly urge you to include the memo written by Council member Khamis on 6/28/2020 regarding the checks and balances on the new powers granted to the Mayor.

Sincerely,

Barbara MacNeil

**From:** joe landin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:02 PM  
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Stacy Klopfer  
Resident

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Thank you,

Christine Lam

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**Subject:** NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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Dear Councilmembers,

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter Movement have highlighted the inequities that exist in San Jose for our communities of color. By expanding the authority of the Mayor's office, the City would further exclude communities of color from having a voice at City Hall. Councilmembers would lose their ability to advocate for the communities they know best, and will not have enough power to protect their residents in a Strong Mayor form of government.

Many residents in my community work long hours, rely on public transportation, speak a language other than English, and may not have a computer or internet to keep up with City Council meetings -- but they vote for a councilmember to represent them and their interests at City Council. We voted you in to represent us not to give in to the whims of a mayor who wants to extend his term by 2 years and full control.

These proposed changes still offer no opportunity for meaningful community input. A "Blue Ribbon Commission" to appraise the proposed changes has no stated composition or admissions requirements, and offers no guarantee that communities of color won't be denied a seat at the table.

We were against this proposal last month and we are against it now. I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years.

Thank you  
Angelica Agulto

**From:** Angelica Agulto <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**From:** Mita Dey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:31 PM  
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Mita Dey D 8

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 8:03 AM  
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**From:** Julie Finnigan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 7:34 AM  
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**Subject:** Item 3.10: Support the Community - Vote YES to Councilmember Peralez's Memo!

[External Email]

Dear San Jose City Councilmember,

I am writing to ask that you vote to APPROVE Councilmember Peralez's memo directing that an inclusive, community-driven Charter Review Commission be convened. The community deserves better than to be forced with no community engagement on this change in the structure of our city's government and expanding the authority of our mayor. Do NOT vote to approve placing the proposal to extend the mayor's term and expand his authority on the ballot until an appropriate public process has taken place.

Thank you,

Julie Finnigan

**From:** Serena <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you  
Serena Alvarez  
Resident of District 6

**From:** David Lopez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you  
Dr. David P. Lopez

**From:** Rebeca Armendariz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you,

Rebeca Armendariz

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

MD

Mark Denning <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:03 AM

[External Email]

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Sincerely,  
Mark Denning  
San Jose District 6 Resident

# Uphold Transparency!

JP

Jenni Parker-Adib <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Parker-Adib

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

AM

Angelica Martinez <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:10 AM

Esparza, Maya

[External Email]

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Sincerely,

Angie Lomeli (Martinez)

# No Backroom Deals in San José

AA

Amy Angeles <[REDACTED]>

[External Email]

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Vote NO on strong mayor!

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Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

DP

Dan Phelan <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:18 AM

Liccardo, Sam

[External Email]

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Sincerely,

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

TW

tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

We should not have the strong mayor initiative on the ballot now! We need to only focus on our crises: climate, ecological collapse, housing and food crises and health crises: pandemic and pollution!

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Sincerely,

Tessa woodmansee

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

TW

tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:21 AM

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Sincerely,

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

PW

Pat Waite <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:22 AM

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am firmly opposed to the Charter changes regarding the Mayor's capabilities and election date. The opportunity for community involvement in the decision making process has been woefully inadequate. I ask that you reconsider the decision to place the initiative on the November ballot.

However, if you elect to force voters to decide on the "Strong" Mayor Initiative in November, it is your responsibility to ensure that we understand the measures put before us. As your constituent, I am urging you to uphold transparency with voters. If you lack the fortitude to cancel the initiative, you must ensure that each proposed charter change is a separate measure on the November ballot with clear and precise language that explicitly states what each entails if passed. Anything less is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Pat Waite

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

KA

Kevin Adams <[REDACTED]>

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Kevin Adams

# No Backroom Deals in San José

DV

Diana Villalon <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

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## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

KA

Kevin Adams <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

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## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

BP

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Sincerely,  
Brenda Zendejas

# No Backroom Deals in San José

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Reply all

Today, 9:40 AM

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We don't need this and the handling certainly shows how brazen the city council will be in approving whatever benefits them, not the city. You all couldn't be more obvious! That live stream of ya'll was epic and full of illogical explanations for an unnecessary measure. If you think citizens are too stupid to see that or aren't paying attention, you've made yourself SO utterly and ridiculously apparent. Have you seen the graphic map where it shows the vote divide, it's split right down the middle of the city where all the wealthier neighborhoods "voted" for this.

Can't say enough, no. Just not. How about hell no.

# No Backroom Deals in San Jose

HH

Huguenor Huguenor <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:43 AM

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers, I cannot believe I need to say this to you all, but "No backroom deals and no Strong Mayor Initiative for San Jose."

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Vote NO on strong mayor!

Vote NO on backroom deals in San Jose!

Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo

# No Backroom Deals in San José

FB

Falcon Bigney <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 9:54 AM

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Falcon Bigney (District 6)

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

EH

Eva Heredia <

Reply all

Today, 10:02 AM

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Eva Heredia

**From:** Cass K <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Subject:** NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure! YES To Transparency and Community Input!

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Dear Councilmembers, I reside in Pam Foley's District and do not support the Strong Mayor Ballot Measure. The lack of public input, the mayor's conflict of interest with him casting the tie-breaking vote to for a ballot measure giving himself 2 more years in office, and the utter lack of analysis or fact finding behind such a significant constitutional change to our City Charter points to only one thing: a back room deal of the worst kind. We like the campaign finance reform measures and the recusal requirements - but those too seem tacked on in order to make a bitter and constitutionally lethal pill more palatable. But it is not palatable to us, the citizens of San Jose. We demand community input and involvement, we demand sound and reasoned changes to our City Charter that benefit us, not politicians and business and labor interests and most importantly we demand transparency. Extending the mayor's term of office with powers snatched from our elected representatives is becoming a disturbing trend of executive branches undermining our democratic checks and balances. Sure we will get a chance to vote on *something* in November. But the lack of detail, lack of input from voters and other marginalized voices means we will be voting with blindfolds over our eyes. Just as I suspect was intended.

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Cass Kohler  
San Jose District 9

**From:** Randy Britt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 9:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Best regards,

Randy Britt

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**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:01 AM  
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# No Backroom Deals in San José

VA

Veronica Amador <[REDACTED]>

Reply all|

Today, 10:09 AM

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Vote NO on backroom deals in San José!

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Veronica Amador

# No Backroom Deals in San José

SY

Stanley Young <[syoung@ifpte21.org](mailto:syoung@ifpte21.org)>

Reply all

Today, 10:12 AM

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Sent from my iPhone so please forgive the typos and the like  
Stanley Young

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JL

Jennifer Lindberg <[REDACTED]>

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Regards,  
Jennifer Lindberg

**From:** Gina Gates <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you

Gina Gates  
Small Business Owner  
Latina Native of San Jose

# No Backroom Deals in San José

AG

Adriana Garcia <[REDACTED]>

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Today, 10:22 AM

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Adriana

# No Backroom Deals in San José

RC

Rosa Cordova <

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Today, 10:41 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo

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Vote NO on strong mayor! ✖

Vote NO on backroom deals in San José!

Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo ✔

# No Backroom Deals in San José

YC

Yan-Yin Choy <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 11:00 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I urge you to stand against backroom deals and vote no on the Strong Mayor Initiative for San José.

Instead of backroom deals, you should consider the powerful movements from our community, demanding that we address critical issues such as police brutality, housing, the education gap, the wealth disparities in Silicon Valley, immigration, poverty, a global pandemic, and the inequities in one of the wealthiest cities in the world.

Your Strong Mayor Initiative will undermine district elections. District elections were intentionally established to give voice to those who had been systematically shut out. A vote for the Strong Mayor Initiative will diminish the representation of the most vulnerable by consolidating power in one office.

Your Strong Mayor Initiative weakens democracy. Changes to the city charter should require thorough and thoughtful engagement of the city residents. You have failed us, the residents. You should be hosting months of public forum instead of speeding up a ballot measure that will cost the city \$1.7 million dollars.

Public service isn't about your ego, power and desire to ascend to the state or national elected positions. It's about serving the needs of our community, ensuring that all services are accessible and equitable. Your Strong Mayor Initiative jeopardizes people of color, single mothers, and underprivileged individuals who are not heavily represented in wealthier districts and most definitely not well represented by the districts of the six council members who voted in favor of the Strong Mayor Initiative!

I especially urge Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Jones, Councilmember Diep, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Foley, and Councilmember Khamis to reconsider your vote. Vote NO on strong mayor! Vote NO on backroom deals in San José! Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo.

Also, Mayor Liccardo, please abstain from voting on the Strong Mayor initiative. Potentially getting an extension of your term instead of being elected for two more years? It's a conflict of interest.

Sincerely,  
Yan-Yin Choy  
District 3 resident

**From:** Suzanne Wagner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** District 6 <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Letters from the public - Agenda item 3.1.1

[External Email]

I am vehemently opposed to the Strong Mayor proposal. Mayor Liccardo has shown time and again that he does not listen to his constituents now, which gives me little hope for a positive shift if Strong Mayor goes into effect. Please focus instead on what San Jose so desperately needs: police reform, community programs, affordable housing, and the building and beautification of our city. I implore you, and specifically my City Councilperson Dev Davis, to make sure this does not move forward.

Thank you,  
Suzanne Wagner  
District 6

**From:** Maia Baglin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Subject:** NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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Dear Councilmembers,

We are still listening, and we are still watching. The global movement against police brutality and systemic racism is alive and well, and we are still calling for more accountability from our local leaders -- not more power for the Mayor.

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We asked for an accountable mayor, not an authoritarian. I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years. The Strong-Mayor ballot measure is a senseless and costly move, and shows a lack of understanding of the problems of racism and inequality facing our community.

Thank you

Maia Baglin

**From:** Karen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 10:55 AM  
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Karen Eul

# No Backroom Deals in San José

CC

Cristian Cornejo <[REDACTED]>

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Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo

# No Backroom Deals in San José

BP

Bianca Perez <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Bianca Perez

# No Backroom Deals in San José

AR

Anarita Reyes <[REDACTED]>

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Thanks,

Anarita Reyes

**From:** Victoria Profio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:21 AM  
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Thank you,  
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**From:** Rebecca Mesch <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Subject:** Please, NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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Esteemed Councilmembers,

My name is Rebecca Mesch and I am a resident of San Jose.

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Thank you,  
Rebecca

# San Jose says NO to Backroom Deals

SF

Sandy Flores

Reply all

Today, 1:01 PM

Liccardo, Sam;

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmember,

I oppose the Strong Mayor Initiative for our City. These proposed changes to the governance of San Jose must include meaningful and robust input from our community. As your constituent, I am urging you to uphold transparency with voters. Please vote NO on including any Strong Mayor provisions on the ballot without a public process.

Sincerely,

Sandy Flores

Blair Beekman. Monday, July 27, 2020. \_\_\_\_ Strong mayor initiative.

b. beekman <[REDACTED]>

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Today, 12:40 PM

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Dear San Jose community and city govt,

For all the mediation, negotiation, and compromise, the Latino/Chicano 5, are going to have to go through, with the strong mayor initiative, at this time,

I hope, their personal anger and bellicosity, is with the intention, so the everyday community, can then return, to city council,, and city govt, with their own good ideas, mediation, and compromise, for the strong-mayor initiative.

I myself have learned, it is important to have, a strong voice, for the future of city council, and all elected officials, however the strong-mayor initiative progresses.

A several month, city charter, community meeting process, would invite, the entire community.

It could start, at the first of the year.

This would give San Jose, the next 5 months, to concentrate on, its now years, of equity research, to be of help, to the commiunity, in many ways, including better police reform, at this time.

To rely on, already studied, small adniinstrative changes, may be, all that is needed. And can simply, be of help, with the needed ideas, of community unity, at this time.

This strong mayor initiative, is dense, confusing, and full of heavy compromise, on all sides.

Yet it is something, many have already respected, and can agree with.

There seems there can be, a workable middle ground, for the entire community.

I hope city govt., will very much to take a heart, what the everyday public, can offer this process, in hearing what the Latino/Chicano 5, is trying to say, both, within & outside of, the compromise process, at this time.

sincerley,  
blair beekman



July 27, 2020

**Re: Statement on Charter Amendment**

The Latino Leadership Alliance is a non-profit leadership development organization that through a partnership with Stanford University has focused on training emerging leaders in business, education, government and the non-profit sector in the Silicon Valley Bay Area for the last 11 years.

Our 122 alumni serve in various roles in the business, labor, education, social services, legal, immigration sectors, to name a few. We sit on county commissions, city commissions, business groups, labor unions and have been elected to local school boards, city councils, party delegations, and work in your city hall. We work, live, pay taxes and vote in your city.

During this pivotal time in our city's history, we believe there should be a fair process for all San Jose residents when it comes to important decisions, like the one that was on tomorrow's San Jose City Council meeting agenda - which would have placed a ballot measure that would expand the Mayor's authority, change the mayoral election and enact campaign finance measures - all without any opportunity for community input.

These decisions will have a lasting impact on our community and our families and as such, they deserve an opportunity to have their voices heard.

We applaud the decision from the Mayor to pull back his proposal and instead slow the process down to better include the community that it impacts. We are grateful to all those who exercised their civic duty and engaged in dialogue with the Mayor to persuade him in this direction. While we believe that this approach should always be the first approach taken, we are just as heartened with the result.

The right to vote is one of the most essential rights for citizens in this country. You cannot ask our community for their trust in their government if you do not offer transparency for accountability. We ask you to always consider this and remind you that you represent and are accountable to the 1,033,670 residents who call San Jose home.

*"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country." - Franklin D. Roosevelt*

In Community,

The Latino Leadership Alliance Board of Directors

[Redacted Signature]

## No Backroom Deals in San José

EL

Eloisa Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 1:28 PM

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## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

RL

RC Lavia <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 1:54 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Re: Strong Mayor Initiative in November

It is your responsibility to ensure that voters understand the measures put before them.

As your constituent, I am urging you to uphold transparency with voters.

Please ensure that each proposed charter change is a separate measure on the November ballot with clear and precise language that explicitly states what each entails if passed.

I am in favor of some, but not all of the changes. If they are all lumped together into one measure I will vote NO .

Sincerely,  
Roseanna Lavia  
San Jose CA

# No Backroom Deals in San José

YR

Yesi Ramos <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 2:28 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

I am a resident of D3.

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District elections were intentionally established to give voice to those who had been systematically shut out. A vote for the Strong Mayor Initiative will diminish the representation of the most vulnerable by consolidating power in one office. This power grab mostly puts in jeopardy people of color, single mothers, and underprivileged who are not heavily represented in wealthier districts and most definitely not living in concentration in the districts of the 6 who voted in favor of the Strong Mayor Initiative!

I especially urge Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Jones, CM Diep, CM Davis, CM Foley, and CM Khamis to reconsider your vote.

Vote NO on strong mayor!

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Vote YES on the Carrasco and Esparza memo

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

SM

Sheila McGann-Tiedt <[REDACTED]>

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Today, 2:41 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

If we must vote on the Strong Mayor Initiative in November, it is your responsibility to ensure that voters understand the measures put before them. As your constituent, I am urging you to uphold transparency with voters. Please ensure that each proposed charter change is a separate measure on the November ballot with clear and precise language that explicitly states what each entails if passed.

Sincerely,

Sheila McGann-Tiedt

**From:** Cora Tomalinas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 3:26:36 PM  
**To:** District7 <[REDACTED]> Raul Perez <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Ballot measure -Stronger Mayor

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Honorable Mayor and San Jose City Council,

My family and I request that the language to this measure we are voting on without the requisite community engagement be as transparent as possible. This is too big and too important a change with lasting impact to our lives and our community . The wording must be as direct and simple as possible . Please consider the fact that often much is lost in the translation and the many languages we need to consider.

Thank You. .

Sincerely Yours,

Corazon B. Tomalinas

# No Backroom Deals in San José

EL

Estela Lozano <[REDACTED]>

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Today, 3:47 PM

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No backroom deals and no Strong Mayor Initiative for San José.

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**From:** Maritza Maldonado <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul  
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<[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam  
<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** NO Strong Mayor Ballot Measure!

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We are STILL being shut out of this process that's being rushed through without real and substantial community engagement. The "Blue Ribbon Commission" to evaluate the proposed changes has no stated composition or admissions requirements, this allows for the possibility that communities of color continue to be denied a seat at the table.

But, you can still halt this proposal and allow our voices to be heard.

Allowing the Mayor to make unilateral decisions and yield power over other councilmembers or departments indiscriminately would not only suppress the voice of our communities of color but skew the checks and balances of our local government. The proposed changes do not represent the needs and the goals of our city and the local leaders we expect to champion for us in City Hall.

I urge the Council to NOT vote in favor of placing the Strong Mayor charter amendment on the ballot NOR extending Mayor's term for 2 additional years.

Thank you  
Maritza Maldonado

# No Backroom Deals in San José

MS

Melissa Scadina <[REDACTED]>

Reply all

Today, 4:19 PM

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**From:** Kim Grandi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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<[REDACTED]> Arenas, Sylvia <[REDACTED]> Foley, Pam  
<[REDACTED]> Khamis, Johnny <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Mayor Liccardo's Memo, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Thank you,  
Kimberly

## Item 3.1 - Uphold Transparency!

B

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Today, 4:42 PM

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Sincerely,

**From:** myranava <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 5:09 PM

**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
<[REDACTED]> Jimenez, Sergio <[REDACTED]> Peralez, Raul  
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Thank you  
Myra Zamora Nava

**From:** Alyssa Galvan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 5:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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**Subject:** Vote NO on Mayor Liccardo's Memo, YES on Councilmember Arenas' Memo

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Dear Councilmembers,

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Thank you,  
Alyssa Galvan  
District 6

**From:** George Vargas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you

Jorge Vargas

**From:** Monica Mallon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 5:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> Jones, Chappie  
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Thank you

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**Monica Mallon**