

CC 1-12-21 Item 8.1

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Sam, Sergio and David,

I have reviewed your 1-8-21 memo, item 8.1 CC 1-12-21, advocating for a "compensation model for all HCDC members to eliminate any financial barriers to participation by a lived experience (new) HCDC member."

I am speaking for myself and not for the entire HCDC Commission. These opinions are my own.

Many years ago, former Housing Commissioner Lee Ellak advocated for compensation for gas money to get to Commission meetings. He got little, if any, support. I was in the audience. I supported him. His request fell on deaf ears.

HCDC Commissioners frequently receive many many pages of documents before the meetings and are expected to either read them online (a hardship on some of the visually impaired) or print them out. Over and over and over I request hard copies of documents be mailed to me. I do not want to have to spend my money on expensive ink to print out HCDC documents, not to mention the cost of the paper. And what if I had no printer and no consistent internet access?

A printer and disposable income to pay for ink and paper should not be required to be a HCDC Commissioner.

Just this morning I got pages and pages of documents from Housing in an email for our 1-14-21 meeting. I will, still again, request hard copies that will arrive too late for the meeting.

I do not work in an office as many other Commissioners do. I do not have an office printer to use for HCDC business as many others do.

I applaud your memo. It is time to recognize the citizens should not have to "pay to play" to participate as Commissioners on HCDC or any other City Commission.

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RE: HHAP Round 2 Expenditure Plan & Lived Experience Seat on HCDC
(Item 8.1 on the 1/12 Agenda)

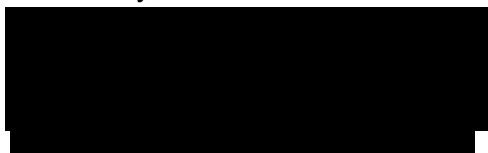
Dear Mayor Liccardo & Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Destination: Home, I'd like to express our support of the proposed expenditure plan for the \$11 million in expected one-time funding from the State of California's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program. During this unprecedented time of need, the Housing Department has crafted a thoughtful plan for utilizing the limited State funding available to address the most critical challenges facing our homeless and vulnerable residents.

In addition, I'd like to thank Mayor Liccardo, Councilmember Jimenez and Councilmember Cohen for their recommendation to add a Lived Experience seat to the City's Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC). Our efforts to address homelessness must be centered around those with lived experience, and we hope HCDC is the first of many San Jose commissions that will include dedicated seats for people with lived experience.

Thank you for your continued support of our community's collective efforts to end homelessness.

Sincerely,



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