



# Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
January 21, 2021 to January 28, 2021

**DATE:** February 3, 2021

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Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

## Fw: I oppose SJ's proposed opportunity housing plan

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/25/2021 1:50 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 12:32 PM  
**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose SJ's proposed opportunity housing plan

Thank you!

Best Regards,  
Pawandeep Kaur  
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**From:** Ratana, Christopher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 12:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: I oppose SJ's proposed opportunity housing plan

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**From:** Stephen Chen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 11:36 AM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov)>; District1 <[district1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district1@sanjoseca.gov)>; District2 <[District2@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District2@sanjoseca.gov)>; District3 <[district3@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district3@sanjoseca.gov)>; District4 <[District4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District4@sanjoseca.gov)>; District5 <[District5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District5@sanjoseca.gov)>; District 6 <[district6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district6@sanjoseca.gov)>; District7 <[District7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District7@sanjoseca.gov)>; District8 <[district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov)>; District9 <[district9@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district9@sanjoseca.gov)>; District 10 <[District10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District10@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Subject:** I oppose SJ's proposed opportunity housing plan

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To the mayor and councilmembers of San Jose:

Per the article in the SJMN about opportunity housing, I want to say that myself and many others who I have to, are strongly OPPOSED to open up opportunity housing to all of San Jose. The reason many of us live here in San Jose is the open space and abundance of SFHs, which has created the type of city where we want to raise families and live in long term, potentially well after retirement. This is the reason why we don't live in cities such as San Francisco or Oakland which are more dense.

If you enact this type of housing proposal, while it may appease and help a small group of people, you will make San Jose NO LONGER DESIRABLE to live in for many existing residents. Think about the long term effects as long time residents begin to move away, and the dramatic lessening of your tax base.

At the same time, I understand the need to have more dense housing in San Jose, because of the need to build more housing stock. The type of places this makes sense is near transit hubs, and along EXISTING dense busy districts. The idea of urban villages which have already been developed in places like Cottle/85 and in Mountain View's San Antonio plaza makes perfect sense as places to build high rise apartments and condos which can make a big difference in adding more housing stock. Changing the nature of existing, well-established, and mature SFH neighborhoods will only cause your existing residents to slowly move away because you would be destroying the REASON they want to live in San Jose.

I urge the mayor and council to NOT support the opportunity housing proposal.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Chen

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## FW: Increasing Diversity in Civic Participation + Stipend Request for the Charter Review Commission

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 1/25/2021 5:06 PM

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

For the public record, please.

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**From:** Ellina Yin [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 4:58 PM

**To:** Maciel, Zulma <zulma.maciell@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

**Cc:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Increasing Diversity in Civic Participation + Stipend Request for the Charter Review Commission

[External Email]

Dear Maciel, Council Members, and Mayor,

I've been following the Charter Review Commission's work and I believe they will have their work cut out for them and I am requesting and urging you to consider giving the commissioner's a stipend for this utmost important work of reviewing, researching, and recommending changes to our revered city constitution.

I additionally would like to add that ALL commissions should be stipend to increase diversity in civic participation and remove any economic barriers from those who do not have the privilege to volunteer their time for free. I feel this is the ultimate right thing to do because when I spoke to a few fellow San Jose residents and small business owners urging them to apply to open vacancies many said they were not able to because they couldn't afford to. I fear with the economic downturn of 2020 we will continue to lose valuable candidates in the civic process. I understand it may be difficult to do this all at once, in such case a phased approach could also be considered.

With Gratitude,  
Ellina

*pronouns: she/they*

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## Fw: Oppose Our Lady of La Vang church complex and parking

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/26/2021 3:00 PM

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

Good afternoon,

I am forwarding this email to you.

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**From:** stacy wunderlich [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:27 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Oppose Our Lady of La Vang church complex and parking

[External Email]

Dear San Jose Planning Dept.,

My family has lived in the vicinity of Ninth Street for over 100 years. I am writing you to strongly express our opposition to the Lady of La Vang Church development project. The church project is very close to our family home. The former Saint Patricks\Lady of La Vang site is not a suitable place to build a very large multistory, multipurpose church building and a two story parking garage. Erecting structures of this size will most definitely negatively affect the daily lives of folks who live near the church site. North Eighth Street and North Ninth Streets are mostly residential areas. A development of this magnitude belongs on a larger site, where the residents won't be impacted in a negative manner. The proposed development for Lady of La Vang is too large for the existing site that is in the middle of an already congested residential neighborhood. Noise, parking problems and the extremely large crowds will cause great inconvenience for the neighborhood.

If the Lady of La Vang Church is to be built, it would be more suitable that the new church is built to be the same capacity as the original Saint Patrick Church, or relocated to possibly South 10th Street, towards the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Parking would be more accessible at a South 10th Street location. There would not be a highly dense residential area that would be impacted. In addition, Saint Joseph Cathedral is only eight blocks away; there is already a spacious and well-appointed place of worship for large congregations in down town San Jose.

If the Lady of La Vang Church development project were to proceed as proposed, a much larger population would attend services several times a day. In the last several years the neighbors have been

subjected to increased levels of noise, parking congestion, littering and anti-social behavior. Ninth Street residents witnessed Lady of La Vang parishioners fighting as they came out of the gymnasium. Our family has had our driveway blocked many times by parishioners double parking during church activities, not to mention the heavy traffic and lack of street parking during church activities. The overflow of cars that would not fit in the proposed Eighth Street parking garage will be redirected to the San Jose State parking garage on Ninth Street, exacerbating parking long standing parking problems resulting from San Jose State students parking on nearby residential streets. Redirecting Lady of La Vang traffic to the SJSU parking garage during church activities will surely cause traffic jams along on Santa Clara Street. SJSU has the right at any time to terminate the agreement of allowing parishioners to park on their property. This makes us as well as the surrounding residential neighbors very vulnerable that will increase the inevitable likelihood, of the parishioners, and staff of Lady of La Vang to add to the congestion , noise, and congestion to say the least, that will most definitely impact our daily lives. I will have to wait for cars/people to move, so I can enter my driveway, let alone, my street.

The parking issues alone are an obvious red flag not to move forward with the Lady of La Vang project as proposed. It makes more sense to build a new church with roughly the same occupancy and parking capacity can hold as the old Saint Patrick Church, or build the project at a different site and not further damage the quality of life of Ninth and Eight Street residents.

Santa Clara street would no doubt be even more congested (a mess) with the increased traffic that the huge building /Lady of La Vang church of the proposed enormous size would bring.

Having a church/building of that magnitude where we live will greatly disrupt our everyday lives. It will be like living across from Sharks Arena near the train station during a Sharks game !

I am also concerned that with the parish wanting to build such a large church with the intent of holding such large crowds, that it will no doubt cause problems for the staff and parishioners of the church, "Church of Christ" who is located on 8th street right across St.Patrick's school, who will have trouble getting to church due to increased traffic/congestion and noise.

We do not look forward to the increase of noise coming from the large structures being built, and the noise of the crowds and traffic it will surely bring.

Please note that there are other neighbors who are very concerned as well, but who were also not able/had trouble attending the on line meeting.

This is our home, where we live.

Thank you -  
Concerned neighbors/home owner

## Fw: Message to City Council Members

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/26/2021 3:15 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Message to City Council Members

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**From:** Jess Esver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Message to City Council Members

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Good Morning,

I have attached the message I would like to read during the "Open Session/Forum" during the City Council Meeting.

thank you,

Jessica Esver

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Dear City Council Members of San Jose,

I do not want to make generalizations of the Social Services and Employment Development Department in how they conduct business, but the experience I had is one version of possibly many of how they are treating their clients/caseload. Driving around your town, I have seen people who are homeless, living in their car or outside. I am seeking the support from city council members to help be the solution to eliminating poverty. I believe the Social Services and Employment Departments are reinforcing poverty. I want our political leaders to help all Americans have access to financial stability.

Poverty still exists in our country. There are people that are homeless. I am homeless. It is embarrassing that it takes being homeless to care. Before experiencing being homeless, I cared. Giving food when I could and money. But once I experienced being homeless I started questioning my actions, "Am I doing anything to reinforce poverty existing in our country?" This question must be analyzed by everyone, especially those who work in professions, earning an income to help provide people the resources needed to survive.

My experience with seeking financial support from the Social Services and Employment Development Department has been the worst customer service I have ever received from any organization. I am surprised that I have to find and submit multiple applications for financial support. I applied for SNAP which I received. I also applied for EBT, which I never received. I learned from another homeless person that I can submit a request for a hotel voucher which suffices for one or two nights. A Social Worker called me twice to just verify my identity to receive food stamps. She never informed me of other financial resources. I have also been denied receiving unemployment insurance benefits when I should've been qualify for that financial aid. I am shocked of how the Social Services and Employment Development Department conducts business.

Growing up in this country, I have learned that everyone has to make a contribution. As an educator I always emphasize to students you must do well as a student to prepare for the next milestone of your life, which is your profession and earning a livable salary. The total income one earns is still is still a problem. People who are homeless aren't receiving the following support: getting hired for a job, full benefits from the possible financial resources citizens have access to such as food stamps, section 8 voucher, section 8 housing, EBT, unemployment insurance benefits. All of these resources combined are an inadequate amount of money to pay for the cost of living expenses.

Our country promotes equity existing in education, therefore it must apply to having access to jobs and/or financial support. Unemployment rates in California are high. We must eliminate unemployment and assess how our government attends to ensuring all Americans are financially stable. Why must poverty exist? It doesn't take research to make a correlation that being POOR also causes individuals stress, crime, and mental illnesses. People who are experiencing these medical conditions are in pain and suffering. I was always taught that leaders have a responsibility to nurture and BE THE SOLUTION to erasing problems that their people are experiencing. Leaders have agreed to fulfill expectations, listen to your people!

I also know we (citizens) have an expectation to notify our leaders of the problems we are experiencing. We need our leaders to guide us in also being able to support. Our leaders need to inform us on what we can do to BE THE SOLUTION. I write this letter to you, not to be combative or blame others, I am informing you of this issue and want the city to make this a priority to ensure all are receiving the resources to survive. I do not want this socioeconomic status to exist and I am confident that others will feel the same. I hope the city can help resolve this issue and work with citizens to eliminate poverty!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Esver

**Fw: To be put on the record for City Council meeting, today, Tuesday January 26, 2021**

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 1/26/2021 3:16 PM

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

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:07 PM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: To be put on the record for City Council meeting, today, Tuesday January 26, 2021

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**From:** staci lares [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:44 PM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; Reed, Jim <Jim.Reed@sanjoseca.gov>; Hadnot, Rhonda <rhonda.hadnot@sanjoseca.gov>; Mossing, Mackenzie <Mackenzie.Mossing@sanjoseca.gov>; Garner, Clayton <Clayton.Garner@sanjoseca.gov>; Chaparro, Isela <Isela.Chaparro@sanjoseca.gov>; Opsal, Shelley <shelley.opsal@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Celina <celina.carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Smith, Henry <Henry.Smith@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Rachel <Rachel.Davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Ramirez, Nora <Nora.Ramirez@sanjoseca.gov>; esmerelda.bautista@sanjoseca.gov <esmerelda.bautista@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** To be put on the record for City Council meeting, today, Tuesday January 26, 2021

[External Email]

January 26, 2021

Mayor and City Council,

Status Report:

- 1) The technocrats and communications giants of Silicon Valley have successfully interfered in the election process; purging all legitimate information that did not support opinions and talking points consistent with the installment of a government for, by and of the far left elite. Promotion of compliance with the surrender of RIGHTS in relation to Sars-CoV-2 served to further such interference.
- 2) The Sars-CoV-2 “virus” was used as a Trojan Horse to traumatize and weaken the population; to make them compliant with unlawful mandates and hold them hostage to an untested, experimental biological agent that will alter their RNA. Proven remedies, medications and treatments for Sars-CoV-2 were made illegal or otherwise made unavailable.
- 3) Compliance with scientifically unsound lock downs, distancing and masking policies have destroyed the privately owned businesses and the middle class; forcing a transition into the global financial reset.
- 4) The collateral damage to free speech and the RIGHTS of every individual is incalculable.
- 5) The collateral damage to our cultures, to our health, in terms of unmet needs, suicides and the destruction of families will haunt us for generations.

CONCLUSION:

We MUST restore open and evidence-based discussion on the accurate diagnosis and proper treatment of Sars-CoV-2 and Corona virus in general. We MUST end the unlawful and ill-advised lock downs and mandates immediately.

We MUST hold in check the power of technocratic communications and business monopolies to have undue sway on our economy, our government and our health.

Thank you,  
Staci Lares  
District 3

## Fw: Sweep at Hedding & Spring

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 1/27/2021 8:35 AM

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

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**From:** Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:56 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: Sweep at Hedding & Spring

Hi

You may have got this already

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory*



**Analyst II**

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**From:** kathryn hedges <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:21 PM

**To:** CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Sweep at Hedding & Spring

[External Email]

Dear Councilmember Peralez:

I just heard that the City, County, and other agencies are planning to sweep the encampments near Hedding & Spring Streets under the approach to SJC without providing alternative shelter--during an "atmospheric river" storm event and dangerously low temperatures, no less.

This is morally and ethically appalling, and contradicts City policy. Public health guidelines from the CDC, state, county, and local ordinances all agree that encampment sweeps during the pandemic are prohibited unless they are relocated to stable shelter. (Not just a warming location). I understand that you may be getting complaints about the encampment there, but unhoused people are still PEOPLE and should not be treated like raccoons living in your crawlspace.

Can you please stop this sweep on behalf of the unhoused residents in your district?

Kind regards,  
Kathryn Hedges



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## Fw: Current Evictions in San Jose

Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thu 1/28/2021 10:40 AM

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

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**From:** Gregory, Barbara <Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:36 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: Current Evictions in San Jose

Hi

I think this goes to you 😊

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory*



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**From:** Caroline Skrobak <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:32 AM

**To:** undisclosed recipients <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Current Evictions in San Jose

[External Email]

I am reaching out to you to discuss the city's recent plans to clear the field at Hedding by evicting all the current residents.

This is extremely concerning and unacceptable to me, seeing as the City has no concrete/publicly announced plans to rehouse the 400+ unhoused people who live there. I am also disappointed because according to the CDC, forcibly removing people from encampments is explicitly ill-advised during the COVID-19 Pandemic (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0121-eviction-moratorium.html> , <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/unsheltered-homelessness.html> )

**Under Considerations for Encampments: If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are.**

- - **Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread.**
  - **Encourage those staying in encampments to set up their tents/sleeping quarters with at least 12 feet x 12 feet of space per individual.**
  - **If an encampment is not able to provide sufficient space for each person, allow people to remain where they are but help decompress the encampment by linking those at increased risk for severe illness to individual rooms or safe shelter.**

Evicting unhoused and vulnerable community members, during flash flooding, a pandemic and a recession, is unconscionable and abusive. I am asking you to publicly take a stand and make your opinion known about this blatant disregard to human life. So far we have witnessed no apparent concern to heed the CDC COVID-19 guidelines. As a citizen in this City and in your district, I am infuriated by your lack of action to this humanitarian crisis.

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Blair Beekman. sj council. January 26, 2021.\_\_\_\_ Consent Calendar. Public Comment.

b. beekman [REDACTED]

Thu 1/28/2021 10:30 AM

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

[External Email]

Dear community, and city govt.,

### **Item 2.1**

The items within council minutes, asking to be approved today, again have, surveillance technology and data collection projects.

In this beginning New year, I wanted to again remind, and make sure, that telecom companies and local governments, are being sure to practice, open, honest, public policy ideas.

And allowing for, everyday community, a fair amount of time, to question & appeal, the massive push, of placing 4g and 5G, in local community neighborhoods, at this time.

It is my goal, for it to be understood, that open public policies, should be an important addition, in the questions, of how to bridge the digital divide.

As it is the ideas, of trust, inclusiveness, and overall good community practices, that can work towards, community harmony, and sustainability.

And that can address, a helplessness, apathy, and hostility, everyday people can feel, at this time.

### **Item 2.10**

I'd like to simply remind, that with the ceremonial lighting of City Hall, for Martin Luther King, it is very good time, we can all understand, his good ideas on non violence, and the better human ideals of equity and reimagine.

It is this good reasoning, that works towards a positiveness, that can hold the events of the US capital accountable, while at the same time, it can begin to invite all sides, to what is clearly, our better human reasoning and understanding.

**Item 2.10.**

It is with this thinking, of the above item - with the upcoming flag raising ceremony, of Vietnam heritage, I hope a certain acknowledgment, from all sides, can be given, to the current Vietnamese government, and their intl. negotiating skills, that can very much help the world, at this time.

And that I feel, can naturally question, the intentions, of both, China and the US.

**Item 2.18**

I would like to again apologize, I'd like to prepare yourselves, now, for when I can start to better report, on Covid-19, death statistics.

I hope this can help the efforts, of the Covid-19 memorial, city hall lighting.

sincerely,  
blair beekman

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

I hope, in the search, for a new San Jose police chief, we will want to work towards, our better human ideals & reasoning.

I am hoping, a future sj police chief, will want to connect, how open public policies, with technology, surveillance and data collection, can also help address questions, of better equity, and ideas of reimagine, for local San Jose neighborhoods.

I am also hoping, a more progressive police chief, can better address, negotiate, and calm, the current arguing & bickering, between the sjpoa, conservative parts of san jose, and more everyday sj community.

These times may be difficult, but consider, they may only be a reflection, of state govts, at the international level, continuously practicing forms, of state sponsored violence, extremism, shock doctrine, and disaster capitalism.

Again, these times may be difficult - but most everyday people, from local areas, are not.

And where, local, everyday people, can be difficult, at this time - I feel, most people, in some way, want to make amends, and do well, for their friends, their neighbors, their neighborhood, and their community.

It is up to ourselves, with the ideas of peace not war, and our better human ideals, that can include, ideas of equity & reimagine, that can help invite all sides, in how to address, current street violence, and other issues.

So overall, I feel we don't have to necessarily be locked into, our previous status quo thinking, at this time.

I feel, these can be, some of the important ways, in how to consider, a new sj police chief.

As I have written and spoken about, many times now, Deputy Chief Anthony Mata, is fluent in Espanol.

And has a good temperament, that can work well, with all parts of the community. And with the issues, I have addressed above.

I feel this is an important time, in history, for him to become police chief.

If nothing else, he seems to have, a gentle, intelligent, progressive, inclusive thinking, that may be an important example, in the search, of a new, sj police chief, at this time.

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