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Letter 1.

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

I feel, at this time, a u.s. senate impeachment process, of the former president, is meant to ask, how to create boundaries - in what to consider as unacceptable, in the negotiative & deliberative powers, of a u.s. president.

An important lesson, I hope, we are all learning, at this time, is that the former president, must be held accountable, for his recent actions, in some form.

We are at an interesting moment of time, of well-reasoned ideas, that can offer both, accountability & forgiveness.

This country, is about to embark on a journey, in the next four years, toward set goals, helped developed, by all sides, in the last decade.

These are ideals & goals, of peace, health & human rights, equity, green sustainabilty, and more open, positive sustainable, democratic practices, within a local community.

These are simply, vibrant, current ideas & practices, of long term, postive sustainabilty, that can invite everyone, in a untied, shared effort.

From this, in San Jose, ideas of accountability and human rights, have been working long before Covid-19.

I hope, San Jose, can continue a process, of everyday community, its city council, and the election process, to have an important part, & voice, in city govt.

And how the future, of San Jose, can continue to grow and mature.

Sincerely, Blair Beekman

Letter 2.

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

After the 2017 flood, the need of good language interpretation, was deemed important, within city govt.

Can it be possible, at this time, to begin to organize, and ask multi-lingual govt staff, if they can pitch in - and can be paid some overtime - to help with language interpretations, at Zoom meetings, and other events.

It may be cheaper possibly, then current Zoom public meeting costs, to pay for a language interpreter, for Vietnamese, Spanish, and other languages of San jose.

We should be able to organize ourselves as govt and community, to work on the future of interpretation issues without Zoom.

Good luck, in the long time efforts, in what can be, a better openess & community accessibility, for the future, of the sj commission process, and other, sj public meetings & events.

Sincerely, Blair Beekman