



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY HEALING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY LISTENING SESSION

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Consistent with the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone/Webinar or online.

The Council meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened the Listening Session at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Council Members - Lliccardo, Jones, Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, Mahan.

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Staff: City Manager, David Sykes; Office of the City Manager, Chief of Staff, Lee Wilcox; City Attorney, Richard Doyle; City Clerk, Toni Taber; Deputy City Manager, Kim Walesh; Assistant to the City Manager, Zulma Maciel; and Yasmin Garcia, City Clerk's Office.

INTRODUCTION

City Manager, David Sykes spoke to the three R's: response, relief, and recovery needed to further community healing and economic recovery in the near-term and long-term.

National Compadres Network, Founder, Director of Training, Jerry Tello offered the invocation.

Deputy City Manager, Session Manager, Kim Walesh, offered the presentation and started the first round of conversation. She stated the purpose of today's listening session was to engage the Mayor, Council, and community in recovery planning driven by Council priorities and vision of success for San José's most vulnerable residents, small businesses, and nonprofits.

Participants in the presentation discussed how the pandemic has affected their livelihood, their businesses, and financial impacts.

District 1, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones offered his vision statement.

District 2, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez offered his vision statement.

District 3, Councilmember Raul Peralez offered his vision statement.

District 4, David Cohen offered his vision statement.

District 5, Magdalena Carrasco offered her vision statement.

District 6, Dev Davis offered her vision statement.

District 7, Maya Esparza offered her vision statement.

District 8, Sylvia Arenas offered her vision statement.

District 9, Pam Foley offered her vision statement.

District 10, Matt Mahan offered his vision statement.

Mayor Sam Liccardo offered his vision statement.

Deputy City Manager, Session Manager, Kim Walesh continued the second round of conversation by allowing each councilmember to address topics their colleagues mentioned in their vision statements to allow staff to draft a collaborative vision statement for San José. She stated the outcome of this listening session would be to bring forth understanding of key themes and insights to develop a shared vision that will guide recovery and actions by City Administration and Emergency Operations Center.

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Offering personal impacts, observations, advice, and insights to work towards community healing, economic recovery, 911 Call Diversions, social justice, and racial equity, were Paul Soto, Tessa Woodmansee, Olivia Garcia (McDonalds worker with translator Ricardo), Lydia D., Ron M. (San José Art Advocate), Melissa Urbain (District 6 teacher), Rosa C. (Childcare provider), Blair Beekman, Ingrid G. (from Destination Home), Caller 0793, Saba D. (PARS Equality Center), and Sparky Harlan (CEO of the Bill Wilson Center) .

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the Study Session at 11:43 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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