Mayor Liccardo's Budget

CARL DIETER

Thu 3/11/2021 6:35 PM

To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Vivian Vo Thu 3/11/2021 8:14 PM

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Extend the San Jose Al Fresco Program by Voting for Mayor Licardo's 2021-2022 Budget

Pilar Arquero Thu 3/11/2021 8:25 PM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Revive Downtown Restaurants

James Woodbury

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Saving San Jose's Restaurants

Cameron Chin <

Fri 3/12/2021 12:17 AM

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Save our restaurant s

Carl Davis Jr <

Fri 3/12/2021 3:50 AM

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If Black Lived truly matter then Black Businesses must matter as they are the life- blood of our community.

Thank you for your positive vote!!

Sincerely,

Carl Davis Jr



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Extend San Jose Al Fresco!

Mike Benkert

Fri 3/12/2021 7:08 AM

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Expansion & Extension of Al Fresco Program

Nathan Guido	>
Fri 3/12/2021 9:33 AM	
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Let's save our Local Restaurants

Bharat Patel

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Let's help minority owned restaurants

Viren patel Thu 3/11/2021 10:48 PM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sn Jose Al Fresco dining

PATRICIA DOPYERA <

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Small Business Support:

Jean Dilley	>
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Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council members City of San José 200 East Santa Clara Street San José, CA 95113

RE: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Mayor's March Budget Message, <u>Item 3.3</u>

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA), I am writing to express our strong support for the Mayor's March Budget Message and the recommendations put forth. We are at a watershed moment for our city and our members are in dire need of support and fiscal aid. Moreover, we understand that in order to support business, we also need the proper infrastructure to continue bolstering our endeavors. We understand the obstreperous budget leaves little recourse to fully fund much needed city obligations and priorities. Therefore, we would like to make brief comments to support several items in the March Budget Message that we believe would bring downtown and the city back to life.

- *Al Fresco* an imperative initiative that was once a pilot and now a successful operation at San Pedro street. Extension and expansion of this program has been requested by several members of our district and residents of our downtown community.
- Storefront Activation Program In tandem with Al Fresco, we have heard our members positive feedback related to defraying permit costs and reimagine downtown that is inclusive of other businesses and nonprofits that can serve our downtown.
- San José Small Business and Manufacturing Recovery Initiative As a partner in this initiative, a needed stopgap funding measure as such would leverage this EDA grant to provide more support for reopening not only for downtown but our greater downtown business corridor partners and manufacturing economy.
- *Downtown Foot Patrols* There is a consistent and justifiable concern from our members and residents that require additional public safety resources. A routinely-assigned, walking patrol in Downtown is warranted.
- Resilience Corp Empowering and employing transitional age youth is necessary for economic recovery. Paying these young adults livable wages and providing them with valuable job training in partnership with local nonprofits has the potential to lift up many San Jose residents out of poverty, and we proudly offer our Groundwerx program as a potential partner.

- Data Equity Measuring the city's progress is paramount while leveraging funding with partner Knight Foundation and hiring a technical lead. A "data-driven culture" at the city would behoove our city's future planning and implementation process.
- Restoring our Parks GRP is truly the foundation of our city's open space amenities and we need to service our underutilized urban park to the extent possible. Hiring park rangers is a profound necessity to maintain service and safe parks.
- *San Jose Abierto* By encouraging people to "safely retake our public spaces," this is an opportunity to activate events and festivals as the pandemic subsides.
- Expansion of SOAR Increasing the capacity of the SOAR program to support unhoused individuals as they transition from living in encampments to housing is urgently needed.
 Communities with encampments are in need of the increased sanitation and social services SOAR brings, and unhoused individuals need services that have low barriers to entry, like the case management in SOAR.
- *Airport Connector RFP* A crucial component of our connectivity to the airport. This is also seeking private funded capital investment with no public dollars. An RFP or RFQ as noted is a feasible first step.

We believe that these programs and fiscal support for aforementioned programs are much needed and kindly request that council votes to pass this item.

Sincerely,



Scott Knies

Executive Director