

Blair Beekman. March 24, 2021. RaOG Item Historical Landmark btwn. Pershing & Schiele.

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Thu 3/25/2021 12:55 PM

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Dear city govt.,

I felt all sides at RaOG yesterday, had a good voice, that spoke to, the historical preservation issues, between Pershing and Schiele.

I know some of city government yesterday, wanted to create a more efficient process, and simply allow the historical preservation process, to continue as is.

As it is councilperson Davis viewpoint, to work now on this preservation historical preservation status, now, can get a hedge against future Google price raising.

With that energy & spirit, why not learn to invite, the work of councilperson Arenas. And consider new ideas of equity and reimagine, among other things.

How to address past atrocities, and redline issues, is it important concept, of why Google and San Jose, are working together in the first place, at this time.

San Jose City government staff, is already doing a good job, with affordable housing issues, in that area, for the future of a Google village.

Why not give them the task, of a 6 week review time, to review council person Arenas questions..

It is from this, all sides within local city government, can have clear rules of the road, and be on the same page. And for the historical designation, public meeting process,, set for this summer.

A public process, this summer, could do very well, to sort out these issues. But there will be some indignation, from the public, at that time, that city government, should learn to address now.

Hopefully, a six week process, within city government, to be fully clear, with councilperson Arenas questions, of how we can all move forward, from previous redlining issues, can give an important depth, to the future of what can be, a historical registry, for this Stockton neighborhood area.

And a hedge, that can better consider, all parts of San Jose, in the upcoming Google village project.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Taber, Toni

From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: "Historic District"
Attachments: Historic District 6.doc

From: Jethroe Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 3:28 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Carrasco, Magdalena <[REDACTED]> Esparza, Maya <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>
District3 <[REDACTED]> Office of Councilmember Ash Kalra <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: "Historic District"

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The San Jose/Silicon Valley Branch of the NAACP is requesting the City Council members to resist and deny any request this application for District 6 to become a "Historic District" as it will have a negative impact on our schools and students racially, financially and educationally.

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"Our collective health and well-being depend on building opportunity for everyone. Yet, across and within counties there are stark differences in the opportunities to live in safe, affordable homes, especially for people with low incomes and people of color. These differences emerge from discrimination and institutional racism in the form of long-standing, deep-rooted and unfair systems, policies, and practices such as redlining, restrictive zoning rules, and predatory bank lending practices that reinforce residential segregation and barriers to opportunity. As a result, we consistently see worse health outcomes for people with low incomes and people of color. We cannot thrive as a nation when the factors that contribute to good health are available to some but denied to others." – countyhealthrankings.org

Our objections do not suggest District 6 is without problems or challenges. We believe that many, if not most, of those problems and challenges are a result of years of racial segregation and isolation leading to a remarkably high level of concentrated poverty. District 6 action would only intensify segregation, isolation, and poverty. We say more segregation is never the answer to segregation.

We believe that the "Historic District" petition must be denied, and that the San Jose City Council act immediately to work with all parties, including community organizations, to seek broad regional solutions to the problem of racial and economic segregation and to insure an inclusive, high quality Inclusion, Sustainability, and Opportunity for the surrounding communities. We demand that the City Council deny this petition outright or in the alternative we demand the right to a community conversation on this petition.

Sincerely

Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President

Website: <http://www.sanjosenaacp.org>

Email: [REDACTED]

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SAN JOSE/SILICON VALLEY BRANCH OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

[REDACTED], Milpitas, CA 95035

Phone [REDACTED]

March 29, 2021

San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, Ca 95113

RE: "Historic District".

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FW: Item 8.5 - Alameda Park/Schiele Ave Historic District - OPPOSE

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 3/30/2021 8:50 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov> 1 attachments (192 KB)

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Thank you!

Best Regards,
Pawandeep KaurCITY OF SAN JOSE | OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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From: Kelly Snider [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:07 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Item 8.5 - Alameda Park/Schiele Ave Historic District - OPPOSE

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

Item 8.5 on the March 30 City Council Agenda is a Nomination of a new Historic District. I read about the "nomination" in The Spotlight, so I immediately went to the Agenda website to read the reports, otherwise I would have heard nothing about it, despite being a homeowner and resident here for 20+ years. I'm incredibly disappointed and frankly offended. These \$1M - \$2M homes are ideally located in a prosperous neighborhood and don't need "protection". I ask you to Vote No on this nomination. Here are a few reasons why:

1. Error in March 17, 2021 Rules Committee memo. The memo from CM Davis says "the district is composed of 132 properties, all residential uses", and describes the district as including homes along Stockton Avenue. The properties along Stockton are almost universally NOT residential. There's a used car sales business; attorneys and counseling offices; a limo and transportation company, and a church.
2. Misrepresentation in March 17, 2021 memo. The memo from CM Davis further says that the area is an "intact representation of early suburban development" - which, even if that was true in 1888, is NOT true now. Our neighborhood is adjacent to the Diridon Station Area, and half-a-mile to the most significant transportation infrastructure project of the 21st century (BART, CalTrain, High-speed rail, etc.). To describe this neighborhood which is ADJACENT to the Innovation District of the DSAP and Downtown West intensification area as "suburban" is wrong. Morgan Hill is a suburb of San Jose. Alameda Park is NOT a suburb, it's the middle of the city, and

deserves to be modernized and made welcoming to ALL, not just histori-philiacs who revere wood-burning fireplaces and single-pane casement windows.

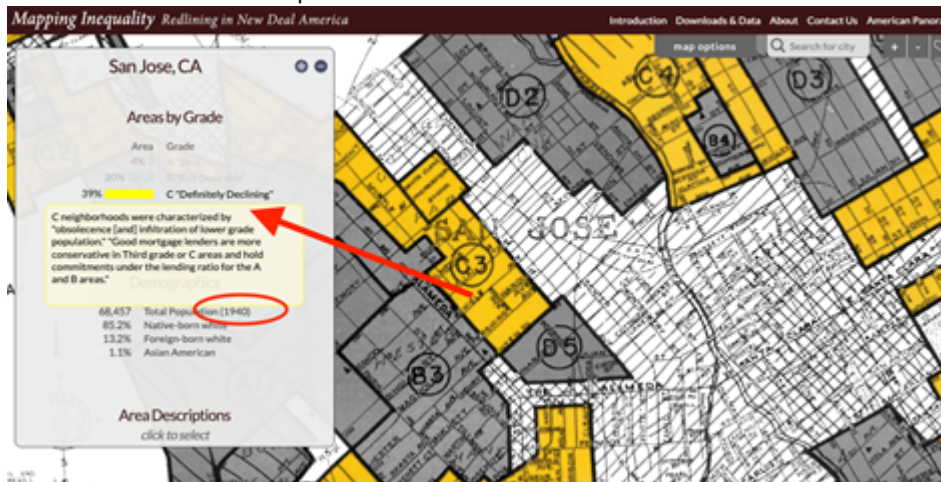
3. At the Rules Committee hearing, CM Davis is quoted as saying "It's a beautiful tree-lined street with 100-year-old houses". The REASON the neighborhood is pleasant and tree-lined has nothing to do with the Architectural style. This is empirical, because many homes (my neighbors at 900 and 846 Pershing each live in new homes built in the last 10 years) are brand new and the neighborhood is STILL beautiful. The BEAUTY comes from the TREES because THERE ARE NO OVERHEAD UTILITY SERVICES ON OUR STREETS!! Comcast, cable, and PG&E services are all located in rear yards on PRIVATE PROPERTY EASEMENTS, which means they indiscriminately come INTO OUR YARDS to trim our private trees and mess up our privately owned landscaping, while leaving the beautiful Sycamore street trees untouched. Our streets (along with Calaveras Street a couple blocks away) are "historic" feeling only because they have no utility poles and wires and street trees are allowed to GROW. If anything is to be learned from this neighborhood and preserved or replicated - it is that DANGEROUS UTILITIES DO NOT BELONG ON POLES IN THE PARKSTRIP! The city (county, state, country) would do well to focus its energy and money on UNDERGROUNDING utilities so that MORE neighborhoods can feature "beautiful tree-lined streets"; and it would also be healthier, safer, and more reliable.

4. Gross and offensive descriptions in March 17, 2021 memo. I mean, the criticisms against the architectural analysis in the memo are evident to my 10-year-old son - even HE was offended by the descriptions, which are so bad as to be seemingly comical:

- "residential architecture from the Victorian Era (1860-1900)" - you are being asked to preserve homes designed to honor a racist foreign monarch, against whose grandfather we fought a war of independence. I mean... really?
- "the Colonial Revival Period (1890-1925)" - as if the Colonial period and its "Manifest Destiny" giving white Christian men a free pass from God to murder, pillage, decimate, and scorch from coast to coast, now you are asked to preserve a REVIVAL of that bloody instinct?
- "Arts and Crafts Period (1900-1925)" John Ruskin is a confirmed [pedophile and child abuser](#); furthermore it is absurdly hypocritical of any decision-maker to invoke respect for Arts and Crafts aesthetic (i.e. handmade, socialist, and eschewing mass production) FOR THE PURPOSE of enabling Google to build 10M+ square feet of post-modern, 21st century temples to capitalism ACROSS THE STREET from these "historically important" Arts and Crafts bungalows to protect our reverence of hand-made crafts. You're either in or out - you can't have it both ways. If the city gets to modernize its economy and job base - then we should be able to modernize our homes.
- "20th Century Period Revivals (1920-1940)" is the most egregious; the "stylistic touches" you're being asked to preserve were SPECIFICALLY adopted to rebuke the influence of Catholic and orthodox immigrants from Southern Europe (Italy, Greece) and Eastern Europe (Poland, Czech and Slovak republics, plus Ashkenazic Jews), all of whom were seen as dirty, bringing harmful and exotic influence to the U.S., [and therefore required a collective return to the glory days of Protestant Colonialism](#). It was - and is - discrimination through architecture.

5. Given San Jose's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, it is impossible to justify a vote to preserve these Bungalows of Oppression. The small homes on these three streets (most built in the 1920's, most 2 BR/1BA and originally under 1250 sq. ft.) are virtually unlivable by modern families without extensive renovation, rebuilding, and upgrading. Adding an ADDITIONAL layer of cost, review, permitting, and "subjective evaluation" is anti-housing, anti-inclusion, and probably illegal given state mandates to streamline ADU production, encourage density, and make housing cheaper. Starting in 1937 we have RECORDS of this area being labeled as inferior, "dilapidated", and on a "15-year downward trend of desirability" (see attached). The redline map found [here](#) states the neighborhood was "characterized by obsolescence and infiltration of lower-grade population. Good mortgage lenders [should be] more conservative in this area" and offer loans only at less favorable rates. By 1940, the year that CM Davis' memo says is the target year for this neighborhood's "aesthetically unified" home preservation, all three blocks were labeled by the government as "Definitely Declining". So during the MOST PROSPEROUS parts of the 20th Century (post-war through 1990's), when other parts of the city were allowing nice big 4-BR and 2-BA homes to be built, walk-in showers and ground-floor in-law suites, this "declining"

neighborhood was prevented from accessing equity and lending capital to make upgrades, modernizations, and improvements to the "declining" homes. And NOW that we have people moving in who want to invest in their homes, make upgrades, add second stories, add in-law suites to care for disabled elders - NOW you want to make that harder and more expensive?



6. Safety and Family-Friendly Policies: These little houses (I've lived in three of them in the past 25 years) were heated via a basement furnace which leaks heat upward through one single central floor vent (made of metal, natch) to a temperature of about 350°. I know this because my toddler children, my cats, and my dogs have gotten third-degree burns by walking on it during the many years before we could afford to have forced air ductwork installed. And the electrical upgrades these homes require is enormous! Good heavens you've just made gas services illegal in San Jose - now we have to demolish every one of these plaster and horsehair walls to rip out ceramic knob and tube wiring, re-install modern electrical wiring, to keep our lights and computers running, and you want to make that MORE difficult for us?

Please focus on urgent issues that require legislation and government intervention to succeed. Public Banking. Social Housing. Undergrounding utilities and preventing fires. Reducing single-vehicle trips so we can stave off global warming until everything goes solar. Legislating how private homeowners can (or can't) renovate their homes with their own private money is a waste of time and money, and exceptionally short-sighted. Please deny the nomination.

Sincerely,
Kelly Snider

B.A. Architectural History (SUNY Albany 1993) summa cum laude
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Agenda Item 8.5 - Redlining in San José



Robert Gonzalez · [REDACTED]

Tue 3/30/2021 12:37 PM

To: City Clerk; Jones, Chappie; Davis, Dev; Esparza, Maya; Liccardo, Sam; Foley, Pam; Arenas, Sylvia; Carrasco, Magdalena; Jimenez, Sergio; Perez, Raul +2 others

Hello,

I am emailing in opposition to Agenda Item 8.5. This is not an ambush on a random Tuesday.

The memo, introduced by Dev Davis, is seeking to perpetuate existing policies that have resulted in systemic segregation in our city. By designating the exclusive Alameda Park/Schiele Avenue neighborhood as a historic district, it will erect barriers to future inclusive development in the neighborhood.

We ask the city council, why is development only allowed in East San José and areas where working class and communities of color live?

In a "progressive" city like San José, our City council should not exacerbate exclusionary policies by preserving neighborhoods with history rooted in segregation. If this historic designation moves forward, we know other districts will use their historic status or single-family homeowner status — which often translates to "white" only — to exclude others.

We demand the council vote down this historic designation. We also ask our allies on the council to demand a larger conversation to identify actionable steps the city council can take to address the racist redlining and exclusive housing policies that exist within the city of San Jose

Thank you

FW: historic designation

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 3/30/2021 12:29 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Thank you!

Best Regards,

Pawandeep Kaur

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From: tessa woodmansee [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:00 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** historic designation

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GARDEN ALAMEDA VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**641 Stockton Avenue San Jose, CA. 95126 [415.902.1464](tel:415.902.1464)**

March 30, 2021

Dear City Council:

As the president of the Garden Alameda Village Association that I represent, we support the historic designation of the ALAMEDA PARK/SCHIELE AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT for its ability to keep the historic qualities of the neighborhood that my husband and I raised our two children in.

As we move into a world of climate crisis, housing crisis and ecological collapse we need to take the best of the past and leave behind the fossil fuels that have brought us into the jaws of destruction of life on earth and our civilization.

The historic designation for this community will help preserve the quality of life that helps return us to the way people have lived for most of human history— in small communities connected to their landscapes.

The benefits of a historic designation is that any remodeling or new construction will have to follow the architectural standards that have made this neighborhood a work of art and pleasant to walk in based on the beauty of the homes and the accessibility of the neighbors.

Many of these over 130 historic homes built from the late 1800s and early 1900s have porches in the front and very small garages in the back. This type of design brings neighbors and communities together unlike the later fossil fuel aged suburban design which were car-centric with the garages in the front with very little front facing public spaces for neighbors to interact and most homes in modern suburbia all entertainment is done in the backyards.

The front of these historic homes have beautiful large porches and front yards and seeing neighbors on their front porches. changes the feeling of the neighborhood and connects neighbors to the community and helps to build resilient neighborhoods.

In addition, With our city lacking a architectural review board or only recently adopted one just for the google village, our architectural designs have been horrific and our buildings have been cold, flat, boxes with little architectural details like the 7 story Madera with its back facade facing Stockton Avenue with its flat all white walls with no windows and no architectural details which are soul destroying which after neighborhood complaints had our republican valued with economic growth and appealing to corporations for support our council member Dev Davis sold the wall to corporations to advertise the Sharks by installing a deathly, aggressive representation of the violent hockey sport.

So having a historic designation will create standards and models of Home design that will support a more people friendly and less car and garage centric and beautiful designs for our homes based on the historic Beauty of our existing home styles.

I agree with Jethro Monroe II, President of the San Jose Branch of the NAACP that the issue of memorializing racism and discrimination is an issue that needs to be addressed but with the prospect still alive that opportunity housing could also occur in a historic designated district than this is a non issue in regards to historic designation. Opportunity housing will address the housing crisis demanding we share more of our resources and designate all lands for more dense housing.

Historic designation will just insure that the design of any remodels or new construction in our neighborhood will meet the high standards of beauty and people based design and inclusive of nature and food production like our historic homes have in the past which is a great benefit to our community.

The real travesty of our SOON TO BE HOPEFULLY HISTORICALLY DESIGNATED neighborhood is that the city has taken the corner of this historic BEAUTIFUL neighborhood at 615 Stockton Avenue and turned it into a cash register for the city to make money. The current general plan for 615 Stockton Avenue at the corner of Schiele Avenue is a 5 story HOTEL with 80 rooms and an underground parking garage for over 40 cars! NOW a HOTEL meets The general plan for any previous commercially used properties on the west side of Stockton Avenue.

The 2020 General plan was changed WITHOUT NOTIFICATION OR COMMUNITY APPROVAL from the neighborhood which originally had the west side of Stockton Avenue to be RESIDENTIAL.

My support as a long term resident with my husband and two children we have raised in this community, is for the historic designation of this neighborhood goes further than just the construction of homes in this neighborhood but it is the memorializing of the historic values of residential housing the memorializing of the values of people over profit. the memorializing of San Jose as a great place to live. My neighborhood in fact had gardens in the front and back of all the properties and chickens were raised and people grew their own food. This is why this neighborhood needs to be memorialized for This is an important muscle for San Jose to use to honor and benefit and protect our residential neighborhood.

By placing a commercial designation so close to residents is very poor planning on the city's part and needs to be changed. The city since the change of the general plan in 2011 has been all about jobs and that has brought the decline of our neighborhoods as they have designated all lands that were used commercially to remain commercial without any residential allowed.

This change in general plan has left our neighborhoods vulnerable to all the abuses of commercial development where the corporate takeover of our lands with businesses that focus on profit and do not have a heart, a nervous system not a living

organism have left our neighborhoods not protected from the noise and pollution they create to make money and a government that does not control noise and pollution to protect our quality of life.

The real problem is how the city has now designated lands and are wanting to financialize our lands by saying that businesses make the city more money and this is a gross manifestation of the city's general plan to make itself and rich businesspeople money that support their campaigns and a hotel building with the millions of dollars gained from transient occupancy tax. The TOT money from an unhealthy activity is a travesty and not the right way to support our cities when we are in a housing crisis, climate crisis and ecological collapse.

Our neighborhood needs NEIGHBORS NOT TRANSIENTS.

Having commercial property next to residential without the government controls that preserve our quality of life. In particular our city has a very weak noise ordinance, no pollution controls locally, and no controls of cars that are parked all over our streets and in addition no traffic calming and home zones that would create residential streets to not be through streets to direct the car traffic to major roads not residential streets.

Lastly, the placement of a hotel next to a historic home and in our residential neighborhood when we have no controls over businesses and the noise and pollution they create and the traffic as well and then to put those properties next to our residential homes is wrong and destroys our quality of life.

It's been hard enough living across the street on Stockton Avenue on the Eastside with commercial properties and their unregulated noise and pollution due to our cities lack of control of businesses even though the role of government is to protect us from harm the city of San Jose prides itself wrongly on being business friendly.

Even when the developer of 615 Stockton Avenue wanted Affordable housing that was wrongly denied by the city saying that it was across from light industry. The city just moved a building for affordable housing next to a highway on-ramp. How can the city state that a hotel in this neighborhood is good for the community when it truly has no value to us and the denial for affordable housing is a travesty when we have a housing crisis.

This land at 615 Stockton Avenue should like all land development going forward address our crises and not add to our crises.

This Land could be bought from the owner and turned into a teaching demonstration garden to grow food and take the asphalt and turn it back into the garden of heart's delight and food production. **MAKE THE GARDEN ALAMEDA A FOOD GARDEN AGAIN.**

Or the land could go back to its original designation and become residential where the owner developer could put missing middle housing multiple family dwellings that fit into our historic neighborhood around a food producing garden in the middle to model a resilient neighborhood where neighbors know each other and help each other produce food and all at the other essential goods we need to create a hyperlocal fossil fuel free economy.

So in conclusion, Designate this ALAMEDA PARK/Schiele Avenue HISTORIC AND help to fix the travesty of a commercial building as the cornerstone off this community and instead return this 615 Stockton Avenue at the corners of Schiele Ave the cornerstone be a model for our future so we have a future by returning to the way people have live fort most of human history: **IN SMALL COMMUNITIES CONNECTED TO THEIR LANDSCAPE.**

I look forward to hearing from the council members about these alternative for the 615 Stockton Avenue development.

Sincerely,

Tessa woodmansee
President, Garden Alameda Village Association.

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Clean Air and Quiet Neighborhoods--A Natural Right.

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From: [Marcus Jackson](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 8.5
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:24:44 PM

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Hello,

My name is Marcus Jackson, and as I am a member of The Alameda community, I oppose the designation of The Alameda Park/Schiele Avenue Historic District. I currently live in The Avalon at Cahill Park apartments and hope to someday raise a family in this community. In order to provide more opportunities for people to live and grow here, we need less hurdles to new construction, not less. Adding another layer of bureaucracy to the already complex approvals process will continue to make this lovely area a more difficult place for new and growing families to thrive in. Please reject this recommendation to allow this community to continue to grow and flourish.

Thank you,

Marcus Jackson

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From: [Ashley Ha](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting comment
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:19:33 PM

[External Email]

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ashley Ha and I am emailing in opposition to Agenda Item 8.5.

The memo, introduced by Councilmember Davis is seeking to perpetuate existing policies that have resulted in systemic segregation in our city. By designating Alameda Park/Schiele Avenue neighborhood as a historic district, it will erect barriers to future inclusive development in the neighborhood.

We ask the city council, why is development only allowed in East San Jose and areas where working-class communities and communities of color live?

We demand the council vote down this historic designation. We also ask our allies on the council to demand larger conversation to identify and actionable steps the city council can take to address the racist redlining and exclusive housing policies that exist within the city of San Jose.

Thank you.

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From: [Kristal C](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item 8.5.
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:23:28 PM

[External Email]

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Kristal Caidoy and I oppose to Agenda Item 8.5.

Unfortunately, a memo Councilmember Davis is seeking to continue existing policies that have resulted in racial and economical segregation in our city. Decades of redlining in the Alameda Park/Schiele Avenue neighborhood as a historic district has made it 62.6% white according to the 2010 Census.

Adam Conover summaries redlining in his show. It is a short 6 min clip.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETR9qrVS17g>



The Disturbing History of the Suburbs | Adam Ruins Everything

Redlining: the racist housing policy from the Jim Crow era that still affects us today. Watch an all-new @Adam Ruins Everything on truTV every Tuesday 10/9C! #AdamRuinsEverything Adam Ruins Everything - Adam Conover, CollegeHumor's

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City of San Jose can make a difference. Our City council can vision accessibility for everyone. Until we take that step, children, people and cultures will be segregated. We live in an urban city and we need more housing. People are living at home longer and cannot afford to move out.

I recommend the council to vote down this historic designation. My vision for the future every child born in the San Jose to grow up and have a chance to live outside of their parent's house, to own a house, to rent a condo, and to live independently. We also ask our allies on the council to demand a larger conversation to identify actionable steps the city council can take to address the racist redlining and exclusive housing policies that exist within the city of San Jose

Sincerely,

Kristal Caidoy

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From: [Allison Baroni](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 8.5
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:48:45 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Allison Baroni, I am a resident of District 10 and I am emailing in opposition to Agenda Item 8.5.

I believe that this memo seeks to perpetuate existing policies that have resulted in systemic segregation in our city. By designating the area Alameda Park/Shiele Avenue neighborhood as a historic district, it will erect barriers to future inclusive development in the neighborhood.

We cannot keep placing the burden of addressing our affordable housing crisis entirely on the lower income neighborhoods and communities of color by limiting development in wealthier areas. The housing crisis we face today is in so many ways a result of the wealth accumulation amongst those living in the same neighborhoods working to ensure the burden of increasing our housing supply falls on others; it's time for us to acknowledge this and all take on our responsibility to ensure the development of more affordable housing in San Jose.

Please vote down this historic designation.

Sincerely,
Allison Baroni

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From: [Yesenia Matias Chavez](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 8.5
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:16:22 PM

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Hello Mayor and City Council,

My name is Yesenia Matias and I am emailing/calling in opposition to Agenda Item 8.5.

The memo, introduced by Councilmember Davis, is seeking to perpetuate existing policies that have resulted in systemic segregation in our city. By designating the exclusive Alameda Park/Schiele Avenue neighborhood as a historic district, it will erect barriers to future inclusive development in the neighborhood.

We ask the city council, why is development only allowed in East San Jose and areas where working class and communities of color live?

In a progressive city like San Jose, our City council should not exacerbate exclusionary policies by preserving neighborhoods with history rooted in segregation. If this historic designation moves forward, we know other districts will use their historic status or single-family homeowner status — which often translates to "white" only — to exclude others.

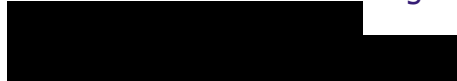
We demand the council vote down this historic designation. We also ask our allies on the council to demand a larger conversation to identify actionable steps the city council can take to address the racist redlining and exclusive housing policies that exist within the city of San Jose

Thank you

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Yesenia Matias Chavez (She/Her/Hers)

[M.A. Candidate in Counseling and Guidance & PPS Credential](#)



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From: [Valerie Niles](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 8.5
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 8:25:52 AM

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To Mayor Liccardo and City Council,

My name is Valerie Niles and I am emailing in opposition to Agenda Item 8.5.

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Thank you,

Valerie Niles

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From: [Zoe Vulpe](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 8.5 - 03/30/2021
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:22:04 PM

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My name is Zoe Vulpe, and I am emailing in opposition to agenda item 8.5

This memo is an alarming attempt to perpetuate racism, classism, and systemic segregation in our city. By designating this area a historic district, it will build barriers to future equitable and inclusive development in the neighborhood, my neighborhood.

The most recent [Santa Clara County Homelessness Census and Survey \(2019\)](#) found that homelessness increased by 42% between 2017 and 2019. There was no survey this year to protect our unhoused community from contracting COVID, however it is reasonable to conclude that this number has only increased with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This proposed legislation is an example of San Jose's history of only promoting development in East San Jose, working communities, and communities of color. San Jose has the duty to serve all of its residents, not only its affluent white residents. [A 2017 report by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group](#) found that only 27% of the housing need of very low income households (0-50% of AMI) is being met, meaning there is a huge need for affordable housing; whereas there is a large surplus of housing for high income households (above 120% of AMI) specifically 139% of their housing needs are met.

I have the privilege of living in district 6, and I am disgusted at how our city leadership does not defend our unhoused neighbors. Historic status will in reality exclude people of color and low income families from the area.

I ask that the council vote down this historic designation in support of our most vulnerable neighbors, including our unhoused residents, our college students, our frontline workers, our food service workers, and our families. Thank you.

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