

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, MARCH 22, 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 Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San Jose was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Foley, Mahan, Perez, Carrasco.

Absent: Councilmembers - Esparza.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Kim Walesh; City Attorney Office, Johnny Phan; City Clerk, Toni Taber; Mayor's Office, Kelly Kline; and Yasmin Garcia, City Clerk's Office

**B. Review of Work Plan**

**1. City Council Policy Priority #1: Local Hiring/Local Business/Apprentice Utilization Program Status Report. (Public Works)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the deferral to April 26, 2021. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

**2. Real Estate Services Audit. (City Auditor)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the deferral to May 24, 2021 meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy Status Report. (Housing)  
HEARD CONCURRENTLY WITH ITEM (d)2.**

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto spoke on the Chinese Exclusionary Act, the Placero Program, redlining, and the displacement of Native Americans. (2) Blair Beekman spoke on rent forgiveness, the subsidy process, and tax breaks.

Councilmember Raul Perez inquired about the grant's expiration.

Policy Fellow, from The Bays Future, Aboubacar Ndiaye stated the grant expires in March of 2022.

Deputy Director, Housing Department, Ragan Henninger and Division Manager, Housing Department, Kristen Clements offered the presentation.

Action: Upon motion by Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the top three recommendations of the Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy and placed the item on the March 30, 2021 City Council Meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

**2. City Council Policy Priority #11: Anti-Displacement Tenant Preference Ordinance Status Report. (Housing) - [Moved from 5/24/2021] –  
HEARD CONCURRENTLY WITH ITEM (d)1.**

Action: Upon motion by Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Matt Mahan and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on City Council Policy Priority #11, the Anti-Displacement Tenant Preference Ordinance, including incorporation into Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy, and including the City Council's direction to add a seat to the Housing and Community Development Commission for a commissioner with lived experience in homelessness into Recommendation #4 of the Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy. The item was cross-referenced to the March 30, 2021 City Council Meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

### 3. **Economic Development Activities Verbal Report. (Economic Development)**

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto spoke on Chief of Police Anthony Mata, the issues with Downtown San José lacking Hispanic culture representation, and homelessness causing impediments to businesses in the downtown area. (2) Blair Beekman stated he wanted the chance to speak on the deferred items mentioned earlier, spoke on the workplan, and appreciated the work being done to displace people into jobs during the pandemic.

Public Information Manager, Office of Economic Development, Elisabeth Handler offered the verbal report.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Matt Mahan, seconded Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the brief verbal report on recent announcements, significant accomplishments, and upcoming events related to economic development. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

- **Open Forum**

1. Paul Soto read the “Dignity of the Farmworker” passage and spoke on redlining.
2. Blair Beekman spoke on the SJPd Chief of Police Anthony Mata.
3. Fernando E. Alvarez spoke on his cannabis business and the events he organizes.

- **Adjournment**

Councilmember Pam Foley adjourned the Committee meeting at 2:59 p.m.

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Councilmember Pam Foley, Chair  
Community and Economic Development Committee

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