

June 14, 2021

San Jose City Clerk: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov

Dear City Manager Sykes, Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Alum Rock Counseling Center regarding the City of San Jose 2021/2022 Budget. As you may be aware, Alum Rock Counseling Center provides behavioral health and other community support services for over 10,000 children, primarily low income youth and families each year, primarily in East San Jose.

With San Jose BEST funding, we leverage private foundation dollars, to provide case management services for truant youth, as well as a mentoring program for middle school youth at Ocala STEAM Academy. We anticipate the demand for these services to be potentially overwhelming as schools return to in person.

Supporting children and families in San Jose is an essential component to prevention and resiliency. During this transitional period from the COVID-19 pandemic through recovery, our families are in need of resources, support systems, and spaces for healing. Currently, San José plans to dedicate *limited funds to children and families* through the city's annual budget process, despite the staggering need. Without a plan to authorize emergency appropriations for children's programs, many children will be left behind.

We urge you to consider the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken on children and families in San Jose. There is an incredible need for children to be reconnected to education, social, emotional, and enrichment activities to thrive as we recover from the devastating impacts of the pandemic. One of the most important and effective ways to address this issue is by investing in children and families in the city's annual budget. Please consider increasing funds to support children and families

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Eckert, MSW Chief Executive Officer

Fw: Pass the Mayor's June Budget Message

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Mon 6/14/2021 8:36 AM To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi San Jose City Council district 10

I am a resident living on Communication Hill. I am writing to express my support of Matt Mahan's proposal to fund a pilot roundabout at Hillsdale Ave and Vista Park Dr, to eliminate sideshows and illegal street racing.

Fw: Arts and culture funding in the FY21-22 budget

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1 attachments (327 KB)
 SJAA Letter to Council re Arts Funding FY21-22 with cosigners 210614.pdf;

From: San José Arts Advocates <hello@sjartsadvocates.org>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:51 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Arts and culture funding in the FY21-22 budget

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Good morning,

Please find attached the latest update of SJAA's letter, including new co-signers. We ask that you consider our requests during tonight's Special Budget Hearing (Item 3.1) and tomorrow's discussion of the Mayor's June Budget Message (Item 3.3).

Regards,

San José Arts Advocates Web: <u>sjartsadvocates.org</u> Social: @SanJoseArts Newsletter: <u>Sign up</u>



On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 4:31 PM San José Arts Advocates <<u>hello@sjartsadvocates.org</u>> wrote: Good afternoon,

Please find attached our letter updated with **more than 50 individual and organizational cosigners** from San José's creative community. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

SJAA

On Wed, May 26, 2021 at 11:31 AM San José Arts Advocates <<u>hello@sjartsadvocates.org</u>> wrote: Honorable Mayor and City Council,

We wish you well on this difficult day for San José. Please find attached a letter from San José Arts Advocates on behalf of our creative community related to arts and culture funding in the City's FY2021-2022 budget.

We are currently collecting co-signers and will share those with you at our earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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San José Arts Advocates

May 26, 2021

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

San José Arts Advocates (SJAA) is a collaborative project dedicated to education, advocacy, and action to support arts and culture. We write to you today on behalf of San José's creative community — including individual artists, nonprofit arts and culture organizations, creative businesses, and arts advocates — to ask that you use the City's FY2021-2022 budget to fully invest in our arts and cultural ecosystem, leveraging San José's projected \$212 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to fill funding gaps left in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The arts, culture, and creative industries in California, the Bay Area, and San José are vast and impactful. After more than a year of sheltering in place and Zooming in and out, there has never been a more critical time for hope, inspiration, healing, and the mental health benefits that arts and artists can bring to our communities.

The California creative economy **generates \$230 billion annually**, which is over 8% of the gross state product — ahead of the construction and transportation industries — and **employs over 750,000 workers**. According to Americans for the Arts, San José's nonprofit arts industry alone generates nearly **\$200 million in annual economic impact** and supports **more than 4,000 jobs**.

The impacts of COVID-19 on California's creative industry have been severe:

- **\$43.1 billion in lost revenue** for creative economy businesses in 2020;
- 453,332 creative businesses severely impacted by COVID-19;
- **59% unemployment** in the creative sector;
- \$18,584 average loss of revenue per creative worker (a 37% loss/person); and
- 60% of creatives with <u>no savings</u>.

These impacts have been felt the hardest by small arts businesses and nonprofits, and predominantly in communities of color. After more than a year of lost revenue due to the pandemic, these organizations need help reopening and putting their people back to work.

While we thank the City Manager for including \$2 million for the arts in his Budget Addenda for Community and Economic Recovery to backfill COVID-related declines in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue, it is simply not enough. In order to support the recovery and resilience of our essential creative community, we call on city leaders to:

• Fully fund the Cultural Grants program administered by the Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs at pre-pandemic levels — approximately **\$8.3M** in FY19-20.

- Offset <u>all</u> shortfalls in TOT revenue dedicated to Cultural Affairs using ARP funds. This is already being done in Los Angeles and other cities.
- Invest \$5M of ARP funds in local creative workforce development, including grants to creative nonprofits and small businesses to help them employ more local artists and creative workers on projects to rebuild civic life throughout San José.
- Invest another \$1M in ARP funds in an economic relief program for individual San José artists hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, similar to a monthly stimulus payment program recently implemented in San Francisco.
- Use the core values of equity and transparency to guide all outreach, engagement, deliberations, and decisions in order to keep these programs accessible to our entire creative community.

We thank you for your previous support of San José's creative community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share our concerns and recommendations with you. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or to engage in a dialogue on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

San José Arts Advocates

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Fw: Catholic Charities recommendations for prioritizing American Rescue Plan funds in City budget

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Subject: Fwd: Catholic Charities recommendations for prioritizing American Rescue Plan funds in City budget

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June 11, 2021 Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmembers,

RE: Prioritizing American Rescue Plan funds in FY22 Budget

Catholic Charities supports a City of San Jose budget based on the values of equity and inclusion, that prioritizes programs and services to diverse communities, and that responds to the urgent needs in those neighborhoods most deeply affected by the pandemic and income and asset inequality. Given the magnitude of the crisis our community has endured and the opportunity of one-time federal funds, we believe that this is the time to think creatively, not just about sustaining programs, but of shifting the paradigm to facilitate dramatic changes in our approach to addressing systemic racism, exclusion, and unequal access to opportunities. We appreciate that some of these elements are proposed in the budget. And they could go deeper and further, leveraging a greater investment in our children and families in our neighborhoods most affected by the pandemic and poverty.

Therefore, in addition to ongoing program funding leveraging the partnerships and expertise of community-based organizations, we have the following recommendations and practical examples of suggested investments to leverage the one-time American Rescue Plan funds:

1. Children and Families: Start with a greater intentional investment in children and families in their neighborhoods. For parents to get back to work, they need access to affordable childcare. Invest in early childhood development, both by partnering with other government entities and schools as well as with community-based organizations. Invest in both the job training and the small business development for home childcare entrepreneurs while they are trained in quality early learning practices. Examples include Educare and First Five Family Resource Centers, in particular the Beacons of Hope.

2. Cradle to Career: Replicate and scale the cradle to career neighborhood-based strategy that aims to prevent generational poverty in families through an intentional place-based collaborative among community members, families, schools, the City, County, private philanthropy and community-based organizations. Participate in a strategy to invest intentionally in wrap around support to families from early childhood, through elementary and secondary education, to career tech/college to career. An example is the successful Franklin-McKinley Children's Initiative in the Santee and Seven Trees neighborhoods.

3. Employment: Build on the City's existing commitments to youth jobs by expanding investment in both job training, work-study opportunities, job placements, and job creation and include adults. Open up the partnerships to a wider range of experienced community-based organizations and the community colleges. Build it into youth development programs such as BEST. Participate actively and invest in a systemwide approach to equitable jobs recovery. An example of this is the Bridge to Recovery network of

50 organizations launched by Catholic Charities and the County and now managed by Joint Venture Silicon Valley.

4. Neighborhood Stabilization: In addition to the City's strong commitment to affordable housing, reinvest in initiatives that successfully address landlord-tenant and landlord-neighbor issues, and that provide an alternative to law enforcement, thus reducing blight and crime, preventing evictions, and stabilizing neighborhoods. An example includes the highly effective Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative.

5. Food: While the pandemic may be waning, clearly hunger is not. The City's investment in food distribution has been heroic during the last year. The need is not going away. Continue to invest in food distribution support with trusted community-based organizations, both for home delivered groceries and site specific grocery distributions. An example is the ongoing massive distribution of groceries and meals by providers such as Second Harvest, Martha's Kitchen, Loaves and Fishes, Hunger at Home, Veggielution, Catholic Charities, and the Emergency Action Network among many others.

6. Wellness: The pandemic created not just a physical health crisis with the virus but a mental health crisis for families. Both families and current behavioral health systems are overwhelmed. Invest in innovative partnerships with community-based organizations and schools in addressing the trauma from the disaster as well as the ongoing trauma from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and the pervasive emotional trauma of racism and violence in our communities. An example is the work being done in the Yerba Buena Neighborhood at Our Lady of Refuge.

7. Innovative Solutions to Wealth Disparities. The pandemic exacerbated a growing income gap and wealth gap based on racial disparities, the neighborhoods people live in, and the types of jobs people work. Invest funds in developing innovative solutions like Universal Basic Income pilots, Community Land Trusts for affordable housing, and matched savings accounts for education. Examples of UBI, Community Land Trusts and Matched Savings Accounts exist in many communities. Matched savings accounts benefitted survivors of the Coyote Creek Flood in the Rocksprings Neighborhood giving them an opportunity to build savings and an emergency fund in case of other disasters.

These are just a few of the opportunities the City of San Jose has to leverage American Rescue Plan funds in a way that can restore our neighborhoods and help our neighbors thrive. Other ideas may arise from community groups. Funds should be set aside as Opportunity Funds to test other innovative solutions as together we rescue our community from the pandemic and build a more inclusive and equitable San Jose.

Sincerely,

Gregory R. Kepferle, CEO

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BYRON D. CLIFT BRELAND Chancellor

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To Whom It May Concern,

As our community continues to suffer the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and works to recover both economically and socially, it is perhaps more critical now than ever that our City's budget priorities align with the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Therefore, it is my pleasure to write a letter supporting Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas' budget proposal.

As Chancellor of San Jose – Evergreen Community College District, I have seen first-hand the ways the pandemic has impacted our students and their families. These individuals, who have gone to great lengths to ensure a better future for themselves and their families, would benefit significantly from focused priorities that would create a more equitable society and economy.

Ensuring that the City's resources focus on the areas that are poised to have the most significant impacts on the lives of many in San Jose would contribute to building an equitable society and economy. These areas include childcare services, constructive activities for youth, tutoring to help address learning loss brought on by the pandemic, mental and emotional health services for children, post-secondary educational opportunities and workforce development, educational programs and services dedicated to parents, and support for existing local small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community.

As a Community College District, we have been exploring ways to leverage our resources (human, facilities, and financial) by designing relevant educational programs and services, creating new partnerships, and building on existing partnerships at San Jose City College, Evergreen Valley College, and the Community College Center for Economic Mobility. In fact, 2021 marks the Centennial Anniversary of the opening of San Jose City College; for 100 years now, we have been working with the City to serve San Jose residents.

By being strategic with allocating resources, the City of San Jose can play a vital role in ensuring that we recover from the pandemic, and that the City and its residents receive the support necessary to thrive moving forward.

Sincerely,



Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland

Chancellor, San Jose – Evergreen Community College District

Fw: budget meeting

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Please ensure that there is funding for the following:

- Return of RLEI
- BSJ Grants
- Increased Code Enforcement
- Increased DOT Enforcement
- All (CSAs) that represent the policy-making level for strategic planning, policy setting, and investment
- decisions in the critical functions the City provides to the community.

Trudy Ellerbeck ~

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Fw: San Jose Budget Must Prioritize Essential Worker Families & Children of High Infection/Mortality Communities

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June 14, 2021

Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Jones, and Members of the San Jose City Council,

It is essential for the City of San Jose to allocate adequate resources to serve Latino children and families traumatized by high COVID -19 infection and mortality rates. Currently, the City plans to dedicate almost no funds to children and families through the city's annual budget process, despite the staggering need. Without a plan to authorize emergency appropriations for children enrichment and support programs, many Latino parents and children will continue to be left far, far behind.

This is to strongly urge, if not demand, fair and just allocation of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to meet the needs of low-come and extremely low-income essential workers in areas of San Jose hardest hit by COVID-19 infection and mortality rates: our physically and financially vulnerable and burdened Latino children and families. You are strongly urged to direct the City Manager to present a budget that prioritizes childcare, to support working families that continue to have to worry about the welfare and safety of their children as they must work out of home. Appropriate significant ARP funds to develop programs that primarily benefit children in neighborhoods that have born highest COVID-19 infection and mortality rates. It is vital for funding to be dedicated to providing new or expanded services to address the concerns and needs raised by parents, teachers, and community members on behalf of children such as child care, tutoring support to address learning loss, and social/emotional wellness programs.

Hard-working, low-income and extremely low-income essential workers and their children have sacrificed, heroically rescuing all of us at greatest cost of infection and mortality and it's time for all of us to rescue them right back. All those signs thanking essential workers on lawns and social media posts... it's time to make those meaningful for Latino families, for sadly it was upon their unjust familiarity to work amid danger, their unjust need to financially survive by working outside their homes amid danger, their willingness to build and support the greater community, to sacrifice for their children, and to rely on generationally-developed resilience that rescued this city, this state and nation. These federal rescue funds must directly reach and meet their dire needs.

Respectfully,

Sylvia Alvarez, J.D. CA LULAC State Executive Board Member, District 14 Director (Council #3270)

Michelle Pelayo-Osorio, M.P.A. CA LULAC State Executive Board Member, VP on Women (Council #3262)

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Salud Barragan CA LULAC Council #3270 (Meadowfair), President

Cc: Federal Representatives; CA LULAC State Director, Deputy State Director and Members of State Executive Board





June 14, 2021

Dear City Manager Sykes, Mayor Liccardo, and Council Members:

We are writing on behalf of East San Jose PEACE Partnership and in regards to the City of San Jose 2021/2022 Budget. The East San Jose PEACE (Prevention Efforts Advance Community Equity) Partnership is a group of residents and organizations working to build a healthy, peaceful, and empowered community by preventing and addressing violence and trauma. Supporting children and families in San Jose is an essential component to prevention and resiliency. During this transitional period from the COVID-19 pandemic through recovery, our families are in need of resources, support systems, and spaces for healing. Currently, San José plans to dedicate <u>limited funds to children and families</u> through the city's annual budget process, despite the staggering need. Without a plan to authorize emergency appropriations for children's programs, many children will be left behind.

We urge you to consider the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken on children and families in San Jose. There is an incredible need for children to be reconnected to education, social, emotional, and enrichment activities to thrive as we recover from the devastating impacts of the pandemic. One of the most important and effective ways to address this issue is by investing in children and families in the city's annual budget.

Sincerely,

East San Jose PEACE Partnership

The East San Jose PEACE Partnership is a community collaborative working together to build a healthy, peaceful, and empowered community in our city's 95116, 95122, and 95127 zip codes. We are made up of over 15 different stakeholders, representing East San Jose residents, youth leaders, grassroot community organizations, businesses, healthcare organizations, social services, as well as Santa Clara County and San Jose government agencies. The complete list of our membership can be found here https://esjpeace.wordpress.com/

Date: June 14, 2021

To: San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo San Jose City Council City Manager Dave Sykes



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to urge the City Council to direct ARP funding to support the 6 priorities outlined in the Equity Investment Agenda for Recovery submitted by Silicon Valley Council for Nonprofits on 5/12/21 and supported by a coalition of 84 community-based agencies from all walks of life, including ICAN. We also want to request that the San Jose City 2021-2022 budget draft be revised to include meaningful funding to support children and families in the Vietnamese and other marginalized ethnic communities who have suffered greatly throughout the pandemic.

The road to rebuilding resiliency and recovery from the pandemic would undoubtedly be a very challenging one given the scale of losses and sufferings experienced by all of us, especially those from low income families from traditionally unserved or underserved ethnic communities. Families and children need a lot of resources and support to reconnect to education, social, emotional, enrichment and cultural connection to recover and thrive. Without adequate resources and a clear plan to study and address the issues, many children will be left injured and their future limited.

We appreciate that a number of the proposals described in the Community and Economic Recovery Budget (MBA #16) and a number of the Mayor's current budget proposals are very complementary to some of the priorities outlined in our coalition's Equity Investment Agenda for Recovery (such as proposed funding for cash assistance, eviction prevention, childcare, recovery planning in partnership with the community, and a promotora program). It is important that those harmed by the pandemic aren't further harmed by gaps in relief.

We urge the City Council to continue efforts on helping those harmed by the pandemic, and especially to allocate a percentage of the ARP funds comparable to the percentage of minors in San Jos to develop programs that primarily benefit children and families in neighborhoods deeply impacted by COVID-19.

Thank you for your consideration, vision and leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Quyen Vuong Executive Director

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN ASSISTANCE NETWORK

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Cindy Tirado Sent from my iPhone

GRPC Comment Letter for June 15 - 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets Approval (3.8) & Mayor's June Budget Message (3.3)

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy submits this comment letter for the June 15 - 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets Approval (3.8) & Mayor's June Budget Message (3.3)

Thank you,

Jason Su Executive Director | <u>Guadalupe River Park Conservancy</u>

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June 14, 2021

City of San Jose Mayor and City Council 200 E Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113

Subject re: San Jose's FY 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets and Mayor's June Budget Message

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy submits this letter to highlight areas of alignment of the Mayor's June Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and identify areas in the 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets that we believe warrant additional consideration.

First, we wish to acknowledge the tremendous work by our elected officials and city staff in addressing current needs, recovering from loss service gaps, and strategic investments to improve our overall quality of life. Despite these challenges, the City continues to lead the region in many ways, and does so with more limited resources per capita. While there is much work to be improved upon, there is also much to praise.

The Conservancy uplifts the specific initiatives below the Mayor's June Budget Message that have strong alignment to the priorities and concerns of our members and neighbors.

Equitable Recovery for a Better Normal

- Resilience Corps
- Funded work plan for the Office of Racial Equity
- Data Equity Team and bridging the digital divide

We believe these efforts will support economic opportunity, educational access, and improve key equity priorities around public health, access to nature, and civic engagement.

Back to Basics: Clean, Safe City

- Consolidating and expanding the management and scope of BeautifySJ
- Launch of San Jose Abierto, and allocating six activations in the Guadalupe River Park
- Cash for Trash program
- Restoring our parks through park rangers and clean up support
- Increase foot patrol in downtown and high need neighborhoods

The full potential of parks may only be achieved if they are high quality and well-maintained. These efforts to improve clean ups, outdoor celebrations, and community stewardship are steps in the right direction.

Homeless and our Affordable Housing Crisis

• Supporting SOAR sites

- Emergency housing sites
- Unhoused employment pilot programs
- Accelerating ADU production

The homelessness crisis is complex and efforts to address it are under-resourced. These initiatives support solutions to ending it through outreach and services, housing, and economic opportunity.

Other Actions and Considerations

- San Jose Parks Foundation's tree rebate program
- Citywide tree inventory initiative
- Supporting the environmental stewardship work of South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, and The Trash Punx
- The Governor's Clean California Initiative and opportunity to expand its participation
- Restoration of the Weavers Gift public artwork at Confluence Point in Arena Green
- Arts and events support through additional funds to support arts and event producers (festivals, parades, and celebrations grant)

These initiatives support broad ecological benefits and highlight the role and collective benefits of our parks, arts, and community in nurturing our civic recovery.

The Conservancy also highlights areas that warrant additional focus in the FY 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets.

• Parks maintenance budget remains stagnant, despite growing needs

We applaud the expansion of BeautifySJ's work, yet acknowledge that there still remains a \$400 million backlog of parks maintenance that needs to be addressed. With increased use through the pandemic, and growing interest in outdoor events and dining as part of our economic and health recovery, it is imperative that we attach anticipated use of parks with appropriate maintenance levels, and give us all hope that this practice will eventually close the maintenance backlog gap.

• Additional consideration needed around drought, wildfires, and climate change

Our current drought has exacerbated the number of wildfires *already* seen in parks and open spaces in our City. The Guadalupe River Park has already seen a number of fires, with some re-igniting due to the depth of dry biomass. Additional resources to factor in these concerns, along with the work by the Resilience Corps, would be necessary steps in minimizing the impacts of our now annual wildfire season, and our overall climate resilience.

• Traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and vehicle abatement must include parks and trails

The increased presence of cars and other motorized vehicles have made trail use conditions more dangerous, and negatively impact nearby wildlife. We need to consider mitigation measures (speed limit signs, bollards at trail entrances, cameras, trail use violation citations, etc.) to discourage this dangerous behavior. We also need a strategy to address the number of abandoned, unused, and unlawfully parked vehicles in parks and open space.

• Improving safety for our unhoused residents

We have heard from both unhoused and housed residents in and around the Guadalupe River Park that improving personal safety is a shared concern. We believe there are ways to improve public safety collectively, and use the shared concern as common ground for broader community uplift.

Civic Recovery through Transformative Projects

We propose that the City consider completing the buildout of the Guadalupe River Park and Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan as part of our broad recovery efforts. The Guadalupe Gardens rests in the middle of the city, is limited by the flight path on many use options, and is the last thing arriving passengers to the Mineta San Jose International Airport sees. There is a compelling opportunity to meet multiple community priorities: enhance urban agriculture, create more platforms to showcase our arts and culture, enrich and expand the adjacent ecology, offer employment and workforce development opportunities, offer additional education and recreation options, and create a destination for residents and visitors alike.

It would be a milestone for San Jose to finish the build out of the "Grand Park" as designated in San Jose's Envision 2040 General Plan, and do so in a way that supports many other priorities. As we plan to use these funds to provide significant relief to our city and community, we can also accelerate transformative projects that can redefine our triumph.

Sincerely,



Jason Su, Executive Director

Fw: San Jose Budget Must Prioritize Essential Worker Families & Children of High Infection/Mortality Communities

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From: Salvador Bustamante

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:54 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; Jones, Chappie <Chappie.Jones@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; Mahan, Matt <Matt.Mahan@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; Carrasco, Magdalena <Magdalena.Carrasco@sanjoseca.gov>; Arenas, Sylvia <sylvia.arenas@sanjoseca.gov>; Esparza, Maya <Maya.Esparza@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: San Jose Budget Must Prioritize Essential Worker Families & Children of High Infection/Mortality Communities

[External Email]

Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Jones, and Members of the San Jose City Council, You are strongly urged to direct the City Manager to present a budget that prioritizes childcare, to support working families that continue to have to worry about the welfare and safety of their children as they must work out of home. Appropriate significant ARP funds to develop programs that primarily benefit children in neighborhoods that have born highest COVID-19 infection and mortality rates. It is vital for funding to be dedicated to providing new or expanded services to address the concerns and needs raised by parents, teachers, and community members on behalf of children such as child care, tutoring support to address learning loss, and social/emotional wellness programs. Hard-working, low-income and extremely low-income essential workers and their children have sacrificed, heroically rescuing all of us at greatest cost of infection and mortality and it's time for all of us to rescue them right back. All those signs thanking essential workers on lawns and social media posts... it's time to make those meaningful for Latino families, for sadly it was upon their unjust familiarity to work amid danger, their unjust need to financially survive by working outside their homes amid danger, their willingness to build and support the greater community, to sacrifice for their children, and to rely on generationally-developed resilience that rescued this city, this state and nation. These federal rescue funds are for them and must directly reach and meet their dire needs.

Salvador Bustamante

Fw: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Mon 6/14/2021 5:03 PM To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Shannon Knepper Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 4:49 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action. Thank you for your leadership in taking action to reduce gun harm in our city. I am writing in **SUPPORT of Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**. In the aftermath of the tragic VTA shooting, and the continuous gun violence that plagues our San Jose streets, supporting this agenda item is the first step to help us heal, as we continue to grieve. Lack of action is simply not an option; please, support 4.2 21-1393, and show your constituents that you are serious about reducing gun violence. Sincerely, Shannon Knepper Downtown San Jose Resident & Mom

Fw: Please vote yes on Item 4.2 tomorrow

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From: Sana Sethi < > > Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:02 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Please vote yes on Item 4.2 tomorrow

[External Email]

Dear San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Sana and I am a San Jose resident. For most of my life, I have lived here, in a city that has chosen to take action on gun violence prevention and for that, I have felt safer in my community. However, I've still experienced Code Red drills in school when an armed man was near my campus, threats of a mass shooting in college, heard countless stories of accidental deaths or suicides by gun, and of course, faced the trauma of having 2 high-profile mass shootings happen in my community: at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in 2019 and just a few weeks ago near the San Jose VTA station.

While I am proud to live in a city that typically votes to pass gun violence prevention measures, it is not enough. We must do more and be bold to keep our community safe. Tomorrow, you have an opportunity to take another step in the right direction and pass an ordinance that would work to hold gun stores accountable by monitoring their purchases, training staff to screen and stop "straw sales" (when someone buys a firearm for a prohibited purchaser), tightening requirements for missing inventory, and requiring in-store posting of materials meant to prevent suicides, which account for two-thirds of all gun deaths. I am urging you to please vote yes on Item 4.2: Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Lease and Transfer of Firearms and Firearms Ammunition in San José at Retail.

Despite the broken state of our national politics, we can begin at the municipal level. I trust that the San Jose City Council will do the right thing and show us that our community's safety is a priority.

Best wishes, Sana Sethi (she/her)



Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

As a member of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley and as a Landscape Architect I am writing in support of Councilmember Carrasco's budget item to plant thousands of trees in East San Jose District 5.

Trees are a climate, equity, and health issue and will improve the livability of East SJ.

If you've walked east SJ in the summer, you know it is much hotter there than in other areas of San Jose that have street trees arching over the street. This <u>heat island effect</u> contributes to an unhealthy situation – hotter sidewalks and streets, higher energy bills, and less opportunity for neighborhood recreation. During the summer is often not possible to walk the sidewalks and spend time outside without trees, leading to reduced options for exercise and outdoor recreation close to home for residents.

Neighborhood trees are a huge essential element in reducing the temperature. This then reduces cooling bills and reduces energy use. For every \$1 spent on trees, a return of \$2.70 in benefits is received, according to the United States Forest Service. Trees also filter pollutants from the air and sequester carbon in their trunks, branches, and leaves. Tree roots filter contaminants from the soil, contributing to healthier groundwater recharge. Many species of trees also contribute to healthy ecology with habitat for owls, birds, moths, bees, small mammals, butterflies and other pollinators. As we know, everything is connected and collapse of healthy groundwater and pollinators will affect humans negatively as well.

San Jose can partner with Our City Forest on this tree planting project. Other cities in our area have pioneered some innovative programs, such as East Palo Alto which has partnered with Canopy to employ youth to assist with planting, watering, and tree care. I've been delving into such programs and hope I can be part of the team up to bring this type of win/win solution to plant trees and provide employment to San Jose.

Trees will improve the livability of San Jose for our climate, health, and equity. I strongly support Councilmember Carrasco's budget item to plant trees in east SJ.

Thank you.

Stephanie Morris

Fw: Support for Next Door Solution to Domestic Violence

City Clerk < Tue 6/15/2021 9:00 AM To: Agendadesk <

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From: Esther Peralez-Dieckmann <
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:14 PM
To: City Clerk <
Subject: Support for Next Door Solution to Domestic Violence

[External Email]

Hello Mayor and City Manager Sykes and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the City of San Jose's budget, specifically a request for Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence of general operating expenses. As you know, we answered the call for help from the City of San Jose during the Shelter in Place order which will end tomorrow according to the State of CA. We incorporated distribution of the funds designed to offset the negative impacts of COVID 19 in the hardest hit areas. It will be especially important to lift up the work in East San Jose, especially in zip codes 95115=6, 95122 and 95127 which have been heavily impacted and where so many of Next Door Solution's clients live, work and play.

While we currently only get a limited amount of City funding for our operations, we distributed considerable City funds and our own funding in support of residents who had been impacted financially during the Shelter in Place order. Our request represents an amount to help ensure that our operations will continue without interruption at a time where foundations and other funders are signaling tough economic times ahead.

Please help us launch into our next 50 years and reach out to me if you would like to see the trends from your districts and what services and programs are most being requested by your constituents.

Thank you!

Esther

Esther Peralez-Dieckmann (Pronouns she/her/hers) Executive Director



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Fw: June 25, 2021 Comments Related to Budget Item 3.3

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From: Sandra Delvin
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:51 PM
To: City Clerk <
Cc: Quevedo, Matthew <Matt
Subject: June 25, 2021 Comments Related to Budget Item 3.3

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To the city clerk, please distribute this email to all the council members.

Please assure that a significant amount of the one time funds from the federal and state funds are set aside in the city budget. There is no assurance that these additional funds will occur in the future. Do not start any new programs, no matter how desirable, if they do not have a long term funding source.

Thank you for your consideration. Sandra Delvin

Fw: FY 2021-22 Budget

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From: Hillary weingast < Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:22 PM To: City Clerk < Subject: FY 2021-22 Budget

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, City Manager Sykes, and Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge you to support the 2021-22 Budget for the City of San Jose, including Budget Item 111 which specifically names Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence.

Next Door Solutions is the largest and only stand-alone agency focused on domestic violence, the most prevalent form of gender-based violence occurring in San Jose and Santa Clara County.

It is especially relevant given that 65% of the clients who are served are Latinx and many of those come from zip codes 95127, 95122, 95116 which are zip codes with some of the highest rates of intimate partner violence, as well as COVID 19 impacts. The effects of this "double pandemic" have taken a significant toll on Next Door's clients. We appreciate your request for general operating costs as we continue to navigate unchartered waters of the recovery period. thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Hillary Weingast

Board Chair - Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

Fw: General Operating Support for Next Door Solutions

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From: Shannon P < Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:00 PM To: City Clerk < Subject: General Operating Support for Next Door Solutions

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From: Michelle S. Puma < Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:47 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Much needed funding for Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

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We appreciate your request for general operating costs as we continue to navigate unchartered waters of the recovery period.

Warm Regards,

Michelle Puma, Board Member

Michelle Puma, CPA Director



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Fw: Budget item 111 for 6/14 Council meeting

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From: Kriti Garg < Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:58 PM To: City Clerk < Subject: Budget item 111 for 6/14 Council meeting

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, City Manager Sykes, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan:

I am writing to urge you to support the 2021-22 Budget for the City of San Jose, including Budget Item 111 which specifically names Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence.

Next Door Solutions is the largest and only standalone agency focused on domestic violence, the most prevalent form of gender-based violence occurring in San Jose and Santa Clara County.

It is especially relevant and critical to allocate these funds in order to serve the most impacted members of the city, given that 65% of the clients who are served are Latina/o/x, and many come from zip codes 95127, 95122, 95116 -- zip codes with some of the highest rates of both intimate partner violence as well as COVID-19 impacts. The effects of this "double pandemic" have taken a significant toll on our clients and community.

We appreciate your support for general operating costs as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters of the recovery period. Thank you.

Kriti Garg

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From: Muhl, Erika < Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:53 PM To: City Clerk < Subject: Budget Item 111

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We appreciate your request for general operating costs as we continue to navigate unchartered waters of the recovery period.

Thank you!

Erika Muhl



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From: Jim Murphy <	
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:53 PM	-
To: City Clerk <	
Cc: Esther Peralez-Dieckmann <	Hillary weingast <
Subject: FY 2021-22 Budget	

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, City Manager Sykes, and Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge you to support the 2021-22 Capital Budget for the City of San Jose, including Budget Item 111 which specifically names Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence. Next Door Solutions is the largest and only stand alone agency focused on domestic violence, the most prevalent form of gender-based violence occurring in San Jose and Santa Clara County. It is especially relevant that 65% of the clients who are served are Latinx and many of those come from zip codes 95127, 95122, and 95116 which are zip codes with some of the highest rates of intimate partner violence, as well as Covid-19 impacts. The effects of this "double pandemic" have taken a significant toll on our clients. We appreciate your request for general operating costs as we continue to navigate the unchartered waters of the recovery period.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jim Murphy Board Member - Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence Resident of San Jose Sent from my iPhone

Fw: URGENT: Item 3.3 - Vote YES on Council Member Arenas' Memo for Children & Families

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Subject: URGENT: Item 3.3 - Vote YES on Council Member Arenas' Memo for Children & Families

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To: Mayor Sam Liccardo and San Jose City Council Members,

My name is Carmen Brammer. I am a resident of San Jose District 8 Council Member Sylvia Arenas' area. I am writing to you today to urge you to prioritize the needs of San Jose's children and families and unanimously support Council Member Arenas' memo on item 3.3 Mayor's June Budget Message.

As we recover from the impacts from COVID-19, we should not have to worry about the safety and welfare of our children. The budget should prioritize childcare to support our working families (BD #92 Arenas) and tutoring support, and social/emotional wellness programs (BD #89, 90 Arenas). The American Rescue Plan funds must be allocated and dedicated towards programs that benefit children that come from underserved communities that have been hit hardest by COVID-19 (BD #89 Arenas). This is the purpose of the funding from the Federal Government!!!

Without a budget that has the needs, and equity, for our underserved families in mind, our children and https://outlook.office365.com/mail/

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families will be left behind. Please support our working families during these pressing times and approve Council Member Arenas' budget documents #89, #90, #92 and her memo on item 3.3 Mayor's June Budget Message to fully fund and prioritize the needs of children & families.

San Jose can and must do better to ensure all our residents are looked at through an equity lens!!!

Sincerely, Carmen Brammer