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August 18, 2021

To: Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Cohen, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley, and Mahan

cc: San Jose City Clerk

Subject: August 31 City Council, Item 8.6, Affordable Housing Siting Policy

The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara asks you to **support actions related to the Affordable Housing Siting Policy that will provide more funding to new projects in opportunity areas and more resources to neighborhoods with high crime and/or poverty.** Of particular concern is that 78% of all census block groups in San Jose do not contain any existing or pipeline affordable homes. We believe it is critical to track key indicators such as affordable housing populations served, review progress frequently, and adjust course over time to ensure affordable housing choice throughout all of the city.

The League of Women Voters organizations at state, national, and local levels have long held positions, created after study by consensus of members, on equality of opportunity that stress equal access to education, employment, and housing. We have advocated for many fair housing policies since the 1960s.

The League of Women Voters of California actively supports state legislation to increase equal opportunity in housing. From meeting basic human needs to land use and transportation to climate change, housing is an issue that affects a large number of its positions. (<https://lwvc.org/key-issues>). LWV San Jose/Santa Clara adopted its own housing position in the late 1980s.

We believe:

- Zoning practices and procedures that will counteract racial and economic isolation should be promoted. (LWVUS Criteria for Housing Supply <https://lwvc.org/position/meeting-basic-human-needs>)
- Dispersing affordable units throughout the community has had a long history of socioeconomic and political success in California. (LWVCA <https://lwvc.org/issues/housing>)
- Programs that provide adequate housing for low income families including "freedom of choice as to locations of their homes" should be supported. (LWVSJSC Positions: <https://www.lwvsjsc.org/league-positions>)
- Developments should be "scattered throughout the community." (LWVSJSC)
- Zoning and building codes should be flexible and include an allowance for an "economic mix." (LWVSJSC)

The League of Women Voters appreciates the report provided by consultants that includes a review of academic research, mapping and an extensive data-driven analysis. It vividly demonstrates the failure of the current Dispersion Policy. **Please vote on August 31 to establish the Affordable Housing Siting Policy.**

Regards,

Carol M. Watts

Carol Watts

President, League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara
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August 25, 2021

Mayor & City Council
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Re: Affordable Housing Siting Policy (Item 8.6 on the August 31st City Council Meeting Agenda)

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

We urge you to adopt the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy, which provides a strong framework for achieving San Jose's ambitious affordable housing goals.

In order to solve our housing crisis, we need to drastically increase the production of affordable housing in our community. As noted in the staff report, while 46% of SJ households qualify for affordable housing, only 6% of the existing or pipeline housing stock are deed-restricted affordable homes. San Jose is only a fraction of the way to meeting its goal to develop 10,000 new affordable homes by 2022 and the city's next Regional Housing Needs Allocation calls for 23,775 deed-restricted affordable homes over the next 8 years. In addition, we know that our deficit of affordable housing is most severe for Extremely Low Income (ELI) households - [as the National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that there are only 29 affordable and available homes for every 100 ELI households in San Jose.](#)

At the same time, we must take steps to promote more equitable development that ensures low-income residents have access to affordable housing in all parts of our city. According to the City's report, 78% of Census blocks do not contain any deed-restricted affordable housing - severely limiting low-income residents' ability to find housing in many parts of our city, particularly higher opportunity neighborhoods.

The proposed Siting Policy will help the City address both of these challenges, by continuing to invest in affordable housing in all parts of San Jose, while shifting more of that production to high-opportunity and resource-rich areas. Taking this type of balanced approach will be key to not only achieving our aggressive affordable housing production goals, but also ensuring that more San Jose neighborhoods include affordable housing options for our residents.

This policy represents an important step towards achieving our affordable housing goals, but there is still much work ahead to truly realize our goals. In particular, the City Council will be presented with

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many key land use decisions in the weeks and months ahead, and we look forward to working with you to implement the policies needed to open up more of our city to deeply affordable multifamily housing development.

We urge you to take this important step towards addressing our community's affordable housing needs. Please vote in support of the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Loving
CEO

Fw: Affordable Housing Siting Policy at City Council August 31, 2021

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Wed 8/25/2021 1:16 PM

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From: Ruth Callahan [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 12:56 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Affordable Housing Siting Policy at City Council August 31, 2021

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Question and public comment for this agenda item:

Why is a mid level department in the city creating policy regarding housing in our city when the required bipartisan nature of city departments is to make recommendations with a broad range of statistical and testimonial information so that the city council can make policy which affects the voters who elected them?

2 minute Comment: This proposal does not provide a range of solutions to the affordable housing needs for the city since the 4plex+ plan for R1 zoning will be at a market rate in order to cover construction costs and debt service on the note. If the middle income earners (teachers, first responders etc) can't afford the first and last month rent and security deposits on a 2/3 bedroom apartment now how are they going to afford to rent in an R1 4plex+ conversion. In order to build on a lot it must be debt free to qualify for a construction loan of \$650-740 thousand. The only entities to be able to purchase a lot and build certainly will not be the existing home owner. This will quickly gentrify the lower income areas where land is cheap. No amount of policy requirements for occupancy will deter the "straw buyer". The housing created will not be sold but rented indefinitely and the absentee owners will be overseas multinational corporations without ties or interest in the communities.

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Ruth A Callahan,
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I am writing to express my support for the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy (item 8.6 on the August 31, 2021 San Jose City Council agenda). Approval of the policy is an important step towards achieving key affordable housing goals in our community.

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Thank you for your work on this important component of our collective work to end and prevent homelessness in San Jose!

Mary Helen Doherty
PACT Housing Team

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Margo Voisinet

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Hello,

Thank you for using your power to do the right things to make our community a healthy and safe place for as many people as possible.

I am a Behavior Support and Instructional Aid at an elementary school here in the San Jose area. I cannot afford to pay rent for my own home or apartment. I work very hard at bettering the education and life of others, yet I am unable to house myself or my family. I rent a room and have been in very uncomfortable and compromising positions due to having to rent a room in other people's homes. I cannot stand up for myself in these situations as I would be risking becoming homeless.

One of my sons are homeless and keeps getting incarcerated simply for not having a safe place to live. He had been living in his car and holding a job. He would shower at the gym and was trying his best to stay positive. Due to insufficient sleep and lack of food he eventually became depressed and his life began to further deteriorate.

I fear I will lose him. He was a wonderful son and family person who is now lost and is ultimately being institutionalized simply for being on the street.

He and I both have stellar work ethics and are very caring and loving people. His faith in our city and himself are dwindling.

The only cure for Homelessness is a home.

Mental health and self esteem issues often arise as a result of homelessness. It's not always the other way around.

I work with children who's families are homeless. Those children don't deserve to be in comprised positions either.


Perhaps you are fortunate to not have this struggle. Please use your strength and power to make a difference. You are needed. Please arise to the occasion in this moment. This moment is yours to push for a reason to be able to say to your self that you did something very purposeful and impactful in your life.

We are here to help others. You and I both. I'm doing my best every day. You might be a part of a force that can show myself and our community that what we are asking for is reasonable. Our community can be an example to others in power to make changes as well.

Please let me know if I can support you in your earnest fight to end homelessness.

Sincerely

Lalainia Blenio



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Thank you for your work on this important component of our collective work to end and prevent homelessness in San Jose!

Rhonda Lakatos



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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and City Councilmembers,

I am a constituent in District 3 and a member of both PACT and Catalyze SV, though I am not an official representative.

Today I am writing to express my support for the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy (item 8.6 on the August 31, 2021 San Jose City Council agenda). Approval of the policy is an important step towards achieving key affordable housing goals in our community.

In order to solve our housing crisis and continue work to end and prevent homelessness, we need to drastically increase the production of affordable housing in our community. To meet the enormous level of need, we must continue building deed-restricted affordable housing in all parts of our city.

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Sincerely,
Kathryn Hedges



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Dear Council Members & Mayor,

**Reference: City Council Agenda Item 8.6 8-31-21
Affordable Housing Siting Policy**

Subject: Reject This Policy

This policy is flawed and is based on flawed thinking and lacking of economic consideration.

Thank you,

Myron Crawford

Cc:

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my deep support for the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy (item 8.6 on the August 31, 2021 San Jose City Council agenda). Approval of the policy is an important step towards achieving key affordable housing goals in our community.

In order to solve our desperate housing crisis and continue work to end and prevent homelessness, we need to drastically increase the production of affordable housing in our community. To meet the enormous level of need, we must continue building deed-restricted affordable housing in all parts of our city.

At the same time, we must take steps to promote more equitable development that ensures lower-income neighbors have access to affordable housing options in all parts of the city, including in opportunity- and resource-rich neighborhoods.

The proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy provides a strong framework for how we can build more affordable housing throughout San Jose, while shifting more of that production to resource-rich areas. Please strongly consider these words of desperation.

Thank you for your work on this important component of our collective work to end and prevent homelessness in San Jose!

Warm Regards

Julie Murphy
Resident of San Jose since 1988

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August 27, 2021

Mayor Sam Liccardo and San José City Council
San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: SUPPORT – Item 8.6, Actions Related to the Affordable Housing Siting Policy

Dear Mayor Liccardo and distinguished members of the City Council,

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits writes in support of the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy and the City's efforts to increase affordable housing for our community. As recommended by over 100 nonprofit respondents who were surveyed at the end of 2020, SVCN's Policy Council and Board of Directors have prioritized affordable housing advocacy as one of SVCN's policy priorities for 2021.

The dearth of safe and affordable housing and housing choice continues to be a persistent issue, especially for extremely low-income households. As noted in the City's memorandum, despite 46% of households qualifying for affordable housing, only 6% of the existing or pipeline housing stock are deed-restricted affordable homes. In addition, the report shows that 78% of Census blocks do not have any deed-restricted affordable housing. All areas of our City should have affordable housing and it should be available to those who need it no matter where they live.

Regards,



Nick Kuwada
Policy Director

Fw: Siting Policy

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From: Suzanne Morrone [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:32 PM

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Subject: Siting Policy

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please send the current Siting Policy back to staff for revision. As it is there is an inequitable distribution of affordable and supportive housing in the City.

Staff needs to document, account and acknowledge the large amount and variety of Affordable Housing offered in Downtown San Jose, and use this information in the Siting Policy analysis.

Differentiate between Affordable Housing and Supportive Housing. You need to understand supportive housing requires a higher level services for it to be successful.

The Siting policy needs to account for different affordable housing types.

Recognize that 78% of the census tracts in San Jose have 0% affordable and supportive housing units. The other 22% of the city's census tracts have 100% of the affordable and supportive housing units.

District 3 has nearly 46% of supportive housing.

I request the staff, and the council understand that a more equitable concentration of affordable and supportive housing be shared throughout the city.

Thank you,
Suzanne Morrone

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Heid Schmittl
Resident of Almaden Valley

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From: Susan Price-Jang [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, August 27, 2021 4:25 PM**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>; VanderVeen, Rachel <Rachel.VanderVeen@sanjoseca.gov>; action [REDACTED]**Subject:** Support for Affordable Housing Siting Policy (Item 8.6) [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Jones, and Members of City Council:

Next Tuesday night (August 31) City Council will be voting on a policy on siting of affordable housing in San Jose. Affordable housing needs to be located throughout the City, not just in certain neighborhoods. We must take steps to promote more equitable development that ensures lower-income neighbors have access to affordable housing options in all parts of the city, including in opportunity- and resource-rich neighborhoods.

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy. The residents of San Jose desperately need more affordable housing; the people living in the bushes need safe and clean affordable housing, and the housed people need to know that their neighborhood is safe from the disease and malaise spreading among people forced by inability to pay sky high rents to live in unhygienic conditions on the side of our roads and in parks.

We need to build much more deed-restricted affordable housing for those priced out of the market by speculators. There can be no peace if so many of us are living in a tent. And this housing should not be restricted to poorer parts of the City with few amenities.

Signed,
Susan Price-Jang



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Fw: Siting Policy/Plan Issue

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Mon 8/30/2021 12:17 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Lynne Stephenson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:04 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Re: Siting Policy/Plan Issue

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Dear City Council:

Please do not accept or approve the current proposed Siting Plan for affordable housing.

The plan is replete with error and wrong assumptions.

First, and most importantly, it fails to take into account the already huge amount of affordable housing supplied by D3. If any council person actually walked around the D3 neighborhoods, and looked at the numbers of mailboxes and meters on the many homes, they would see that many, many of the single family homes in D3 have been converted to rooming houses or affordable housing. In addition, there are many, many duplexes. Both intentionally built and converted SFHomes. We already have more than our share of affordable housing in D3. Staff needs to take the true residential make up of D3 into account before providing statistics on where the existing affordable housing already is. We already provide the most in D3, but the numbers do not capture the true nature of how much we actually supply.

In addition, the report does not look at the true cost of the support Affordable housing requires. Extra police, lots of extra fire and paramedic. And other supportive medical, mental health, and other social services. These services are already poor for all of us. What will the burden of more AF do to the already overburdened system?

Once again, D3 is not being treated fairly and we are being denied Equal Protection under the law.

Please send the siting policy report back to staff and have them do the work that needs to be done.

Thank you.

Lynne Stephenson



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lauren Ornelas <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

lauren Ornelas

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August 29, 2021

Mayor and City Councilmembers
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Agenda Item #8.6 – Actions related to the Affordable Housing Siting Policy

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

Alum Rock Urban Village Advocates are longtime residents and business owners that developed a Plan for Equitable Development intentionally driven by a commitment to Equity – a framework for development that seeks to invest first and foremost in the existing and historical communities surrounding the City of San Jose's Alum Rock Urban Village while secondarily creating opportunities for new communities.

We reject the Memorandum that is based on the “Neighborhood Categories” to achieve the City's priorities, the “Siting Policy” identifies high-level goals based on three neighborhood categories organized according to their characteristics' association with positive outcomes for residents – meaning Category 1 neighborhoods have characteristics most associated with positive outcomes, followed by Categories 2 and 3, respectively. Neighborhood characteristics used to establish the overall neighborhood categories include opportunity areas, high poverty areas and highest violent crime areas.”

Banks, lending institutions, and government jurisdictions have historically “redlined” our neighborhoods based on these same racist designations for decades. These entities have created their cities, informing their decisions, based on these designations to decide where to put airports, where to build freeways, and where not to invest in our neighborhoods. One glaring example is how the Mayfair district has been surrounded by the Freeways 101 and 680/280, gassing our families daily.

It is astounding and unbelievable to us, and given how the Covid pandemic has exposed these inequities that our communities have endured for decades, that the City and its leaders continue to define our neighborhoods using the same “categories” that have been used to redline our neighborhoods and will inform you as our City leaders when you make your decisions of how to invest or divest in affordable housing construction in our neighborhoods.

We discussed the proposed phases in the Memorandum and could only consider the percentage of affordable home allocations in the Phase One proposal; given that our neighborhoods in the East Side of San Jose are in need of 5,000 affordable units of family housing that our families should be able to move into **with a local preference policy** to address the continued gentrification and displacement of our families. The other Phases do not address the inequities we face at all.

Given the continued premise of these Categories established historically, we ask that you reject these Category designations and find another anti-racist, socially respectful, and economically equitable way of defining our

neighborhoods. To do otherwise only pays lip service that the City has become enlightened and is trying to establish policies using the “social, economic, and racial equity lens” needed to correct historical inequities that our communities have endured using these same effective established policies of the past.

In community,

Alum Rock Urban Village Advocates

<http://aruva.org>

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Fw: recommendations prior to council 8/31 siting policy

City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Mon 8/30/2021 2:46 PM

To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:25 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: recommendations prior to council 8/31 siting policy

For Item 8.6 City Council comment from Public

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From: Stephanie <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:37 AM

To: St Laurent, Elisha <Elisha.StLaurent@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: recommendations prior to council 8/31 siting policy

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Hi Elisha!

I sat in on a siting meeting and have the following suggestions for revision before this policy is made final:

Please document, account, acknowledge the wide variety of Affordable Housing offered in Downtown San Jose and use this information in the Siting Policy analysis.

1) differentiate between Affordable and Supportive Housing in the Siting Policy. Also add in transitional housing.

Please estimate and measure the funding required for Supportive Housing (additional code enforcement, police, and other services).

Overview of an entire district should be considered: one tracts oversaturation can cause a region to struggle.

Please revisit the crime statistics and apply this to the consideration of percent of supportive housing in each region- downtown is already desperately struggling and cannot take on any more until other areas shoulder their responsibility. This is true equity!

As we know, our downtown is struggling with years of disinvestment while those generally with higher wealth/income/sometimes the right skin color could escape to suburbia and a new house in the 60s. I came back to San Jose in 2015 to be of support to family; downtown and east side being the only areas in my price range for a home with a back yard as I have a dog and was at the office all day at the time. A condo was not an option at the time plus I was trying to keep my long term financial commitments to a minimum in planning for retirement someday. There was not one habitable home in any other part of San Jose available. The home I purchased was barely habitable and required loans from family as it wasn't even loanworthy. Making around \$50K/yr at the time and supporting myself and 1 child, renting wouldn't have been an option, generally requiring 2.5-3 X income to qualify.

My point being that the City needs to avoid concentrating all supportive as well as affordable housing to downtown, especially the region bordered by highways. Downtown already has shouldered enough for now. Calls for service take extensive wait times. People qualifying for affordable housing work ALL over our city- at every neighborhood strip mall, grocery store, office support, teaching, on and on. If renting, I would still qualify for a level of affordable housing and I have had several income increases over the years. The unhoused come from all of our county and yet for some reason we are seemingly encouraging the clustering of in the downtown San Jose vicinity. I imagine the rest of San Jose districts are fine with that too as it seems many have no reason to come downtown anymore due to crime and safety concerns and I get it- I didn't want to live downtown in particular either but I was really hoping we were doing big new things downtown and it would turn around and be a place people wanted to visit again. 6 years later it appears I was wrong. Let's try to turn this around and not make it even worse.

Please separately take into consideration how much affordable and supportive housing downtown has as a district instead of tracts and begin allocating to other regions that actually are resource rich (good schools, safe and clean parks, grocery stores).

Thank You,
Stephanie

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Suzanne Morrone <[REDACTED]>

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It is important to identify the difference between Affordable Housing and Supportive Housing, and adequate support and budget goes along with Supportive housing.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Morrone

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Cheri Lewis <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,
Cheri Lewis

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Cheri K Lewis
Healthcare Executive and Consultant

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Robert Rapant <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San José City Council,

I am emailing in opposition to any government actions that attempt to neutralize normal market operations of real estate development in San Jose.

I oppose the government mandate of "affordable housing" in any neighborhood. What gives the government insight into what is "affordable"? I live next to "Section 8" housing and it is a constant source of crime, pollution and police activity, while driving down the value of real estate in the vicinity.

Let the market decide what housing goes where. Say NO to erecting "The Projects" in San Jose.

Robert Rapant

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Christopher Wemp <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,
Christopher Wemp
San Jose Japantown resident

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Christopher Wemp

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Jonathan Karpf <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and City Councilmembers,
I have LONG been an advocate of affordable and housing in our area.
We much are far behind the rising numbers of homeless families and individuals. Housing is a basic right as far as I am concerned and this must be a priority of our government. People must be safely homed.

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy (item 8.6 on the August 31, 2021 San Jose City Council agenda). Approval of the policy is an important step towards achieving key affordable housing goals in our community.

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Julia CLine
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Berryessa Neighborhood.

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Ann R. Lougee

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:25 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Siting Policy

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City of San Jose Clerk:

Please indicate to Council Members and other City Employees involved to make changes indicated below to make the Siting Policy better.

Regards,

Richard Stewart
[REDACTED]
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How can we make the Siting Policy better?

On Tuesday at the **zoom** San Jose City Council meeting or in a **letter** to the City Clerk -

1. Ask for the current Siting Policy be sent back to staff for revision.
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5. Ask staff to include neighborhoods and districts in the census tract analysis to be most effective in distribution and support.

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Email in Opposition to San Jose Councilmembers Raul Perez, Maya Esparza, and Sergio Jimenez's memo to the Affordable Housing Siting Policy

Anthony C. Murabito <[REDACTED]>

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To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San José City Council,

I am emailing because I DO NOT support of San José Councilmembers Raul Perez, Maya Esparza, and Sergio Jimenez's memo to the Affordable Housing Siting Policy.

Their recommendation is squarely going to do nothing but destroy suburban neighborhoods in San Jose. Moreover, their recommendation will substantially weaken any policy to ensure that the City is taking meaningful steps to encourage affordable housing developments in all neighborhoods across San Jose.

I feel compelled to express my opposition to San José Councilmembers Raul Perez, Maya Esparza, and Sergio Jimenez's memo to the Affordable Housing Siting Policy.

*Sincerely,
Anthony Murabito
San Jose Native* [REDACTED]

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Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <[REDACTED]>

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Signed - Anthony J Vega

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support for strengthening the Siting Policy

Diana K. Hardick <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,

Diana Hardick

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Loida Kirkley <[REDACTED]>

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-Karina Morales

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Karina Morales

Case Manager- Safe Park

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 3:35 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Item 8.6 of the August 31, 2021 City Council Meeting

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August 30, 2021

TO: San Jose Mayor and City Council

CC: San Jose City Clerk

SUBJECT: Item 8.6 of the August 31, 2021 Council Agenda Affordable Housing Siting Policy

I would urge you to delay a final decision on the Affordable Housing Siting Policy until a full analysis is completed, especially as referenced in the 8/27/21 memorandum on this item from Councilmembers Perez, Esparza and Jimenez. I agree with their request for an additional analysis of crime information.

I have lived in Council District 3 since 1994 and have seen or heard of the property damage, attempted and completed thefts to neighborhood homes as a result of individuals' actions. Most often at night, but also during the day.

In the past few years, I have had items stolen from my porch, had my front yard used as a bathroom for someone's excrement, had individuals use my outside water faucet to take a "shower, and had individuals who are living out of their car park in front of my house and when they left—dumped a large amount of trash in my front yard.

Within less than a half mile of my home, there are three locations that provide emergency shelter and food for the homeless. A good thing, but they often come and sit in my front yard, eat the food, and leave the cartons/un-eaten food.

After discussions with the managers at the Salvation Army/Emergency Shelter for men, these individuals are most often those who are not accepted at the shelters because of their drug/alcohol conditions.

I DON'T FEEL SAFE ANYMORE!

We've installed security cameras and close off valves for the water and are now considering fencing for the front yard—but the limited 3' height is an easy jump over.

Calling the police doesn't work. They wouldn't get here in time and it's dangerous to confront the individuals. Discussing this with my neighbors I learned of one response given by the police to someone in a similar situation. The police response to their request for help was *"WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT."*

The SJPD STOP TRESPASSING program only applies to property with gated or fenced areas—primarily in the back yard. So maybe if they break through my back fencing, they'll stay long enough for me to call the police and for them to arrive.

I recognize the need for more affordable housing. But that's not the only issue that needs to be addressed. More discussion on this needs to happen.

Mary Tucker

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Andrea Gera

Andrea Gera, BSW
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Subject: Dissent for Affordable Housing Siting Policy (Item 8.6)

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I am writing to express my DISSENT for the proposed Affordable Housing Siting Policy (item 8.6 on the August 31, 2021 San Jose City Council agenda).

Affordable housing is a critical topic for our community and I agree this topic needs to continue to be a significant focus of our civic leaders and resources going forward.

The recruiting email from Destination Home Silicon Valley that generated this email does not discuss the difficult issues at hand in the Siting Policy proposal nor help explain the pros and cons of taking this specific action in our community. As you receive Destination Home SV automated emails, please note that DHSV did not provide any educational information to its audience about the proposed Policy.

If there is any desire to find compromise in the Siting Policy, may I suggest the following:

Limit the scope of the Policy to “border lots” in communities.

“Border lots” are those lots located on the main access roads to neighborhoods, but not lots located on the inner roads of neighborhoods. San José has a zoning precedent of permitting higher density housing on border lots; a Siting Policy limited to border lots would streamline regulation to accelerate densification on these lots. Densifying border lots would achieve the Policy’s goals to bring new members into these existing communities at lower cost of living, albeit at a more limited scale than currently proposed.

A smaller, first step forward would allow us learn the realities of this new Policy on a limited scale, celebrate its advancements, and limit any unintended consequences.

Thanks,

Hans Reisgies

San Jose community member since 1996

San Jose home owner since 1999

Santa Clara County business owner since 2014

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Angel Islas [REDACTED]

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To the City Council:

I live in the Vendome neighborhood, a small historic area just north of downtown. I understand the need and support the development of affordable housing and special services for people who need housing and those who have substance abuse and mental health issues.

As you are surely aware, the current distribution of such facilities in San Jose is inequitable. At this time 78% of the census tracts in San Jose have 0% affordable or supportive housing units while the other 22% of the city's census tracts have 100% of the affordable and supportive housing units. Our neighborhood is seriously impacted by this unfair distribution and has far more than its fair share of affordable and supportive facilities. We need a policy that addresses this inequity from a realistic and informed perspective.

The policy as it currently stands uses census tracts, rather than districts of neighborhoods in its documentation of existing affordable housing. It does not, therefore, account for the kind of housing that we have in our area that includes rooming houses, group homes, shelters, and temporary transitional housing. The policy fails to differentiate between affordable housing and supportive housing, even though supportive housing is distinctly different from affordable housing in that its target population requires a high level of skilled service. The analysis of high crime areas is incomplete, as per a memo submitted by Councilman Peralez, our council representative.

I am writing, therefore, to request that the Siting Policy currently under consideration be returned to staff for revision. I'd like the staff to take neighborhoods and districts into consideration in the policy, clearly identify the differences between affordable and supportive housing and acknowledge the wide variety of affordable housing offered in downtown San Jose.

This is not about 'Not in My Backyard.' This is about 'Not Everything in My Backyard.'

Thank you for your attention,
Judith Hurley