

**Letter RE: Community Public Safety Oversight Commission**

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Charter Review Commissioners,

Please accept the following coalition letter in response to the City Manager's letter on the scope of the Charter Review Commission.

-Poncho Guevara

Member, Reimagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee

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**Poncho Guevara** . Executive Director . Sacred Heart Community Service

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September 11, 2021

Charter Review Commission  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
San Jose City Hall, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
200 E. Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Charter Review Commission,

On behalf of the undersigned community-based organizations, we are writing to express our support for the deliberations of the City of San José's Charter Review Commission (CRC) on the development of a Community Public Safety Oversight Commission.

We believe if properly designed, such a Commission may serve a constructive role in developing effective solutions to evolving public safety needs over time and may provide critical public oversight that could help communities regain confidence in law enforcement.

Moreover, we believe that a proposal for such a Commission is an appropriate role of the CRC as it works to make recommendations for key structural changes in City governance. Many of our organizations are directly involved in the Re-imagining Public Safety Community Advisory Committee (RiPS), and have been engaged in the conversations with the CRC on this matter. We see the CRC conversations about structural changes as a complementary, timely, and helpful component to the policy and systemic reform focus of RiPS.

While we understand the concerns identified in the letter from City Manager Jennifer McGuire, we were not contacted by her, nor do we support her conclusion that "Conducting two separate public processes on police oversight could potentially confuse members of the public who want to engage on this issue." It is our collective responsibility to ensure community voices are heard and represented in these processes and we commit to maintaining contact and coordination to ensure there is alignment on a final proposal.

We understand that the necessity and opportunity to create effective change will not fall on any one committee's shoulders, but all of us as one community. Our organizations want to create a community where residents feel involved in addressing public safety concerns, and therefore we support the CRC's efforts to develop a proposal for a Community Public Safety Oversight Commission.

Sincerely,

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Dear city clerk, charter chair Frederick 'Fred' Ferrer,

I was very disappointed that the issue of climate crisis was not fully addressed by the charter commissioners on September 13th meeting with the urgency it deserves and the people demand and a letter from another citizen (our city manager ) re: policing took over the discussion of the people's agenda subcommittee.

So please let that precedent continue and let this letter from the public focus the charter committees attention on this citizen's demands.

The third leg of the charter that addresses accountability must address our climate crisis and include it in our charter as soon as possible.

Please address this issue ASAP and in depth and let the community know when the issue of climate crisis will be addressed by the commission to urgently include this critical issue in our charter and our steps to avoid climate catastrophe by reducing our greenhouse gases—CO2 emissions and fossil fuel use to zero ASAP.

Warm regards,

Tessa woodmansee

President, garden alameda village association