

Subcommittee transparency and participation

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Wed 10/13/2021 2:00 PM

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Cc: tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]>

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Greetings,

This letter is demanding that the subcommittees for our commissions especially the charter review commission be recorded, shared with public, open to public with public comments.

This is critical especially as we go forward with our coping with our climate crisis so that there is a open record of what happened in all of our deliberations for future generations to see as we face catastrophic climate change from our human activity!

Warm regards,

Tessa woodmansee
President, garden alameda village association
San Jose Climate crisis action team member

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 1:25 PM tessa woodmansee <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Greetings Toni Taber and City Clerk's Office,

This letter is to address that the City Clerk's office is not reaching out to us as outlined below in the Charter Review Commission's guidelines, in particular the Thursday, September 9th meeting for public information and input I have heard nothing about!

I am not hearing either from the charter review commission meetings I attend that there is a Public hearing on September 9th. This commission meeting RE: Auditing of our City operations which has not been done at all in San Jose compared to the County of Santa Clara that audits their departments thoroughly and regularly is very important. Yet no communication outreach about this meeting and historically other meetings as well from our City Clerk's office that is paid and mandated to do this outreach.

In addition, The public agenda items--The People's agenda --The Third leg of the Charter Review Commission have been given the short end of the stick.

The PEOPLE'S agenda Charter Review Commission third leg has the CLIMATE CRISIS, REIMAGINING POLICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSION in its work plan to be incorporated into our San Jose Charter.

This agenda has received very little support from the city and the \$400,000 dollar hired consultant.

I find this abhorrent, evil, immoral, selfish and greedy especially with our climate crisis being at our doorsteps with CATASTROPHIC, irreversible climate change HAPPENING right NOW!!! THIS IS CAUSED FROM our global heating from our emissions that emit greenhouse gases from our burning of oil, gas and coal: OUR FOSSIL FUELS and the use of cement.

THIS Catastrophic irreversible climate change is happening NOW...NOT 2030, NOT 2050. and needs to be put in our City's Charter--our Bible, our Constitution so it is not at the whims of our politicians that are beholden to the corporations and businesses that have primarily caused our Climate crisis and secondarily by the corporate and political propaganda that encourages us to engage in behaviours that consume fossil fuels.

The political agendas of the other two legs of our charter review commission have received SEVEN (7) meetings each since the start of the Charter Review commission.

The third leg-- The People's agenda that includes our climate crisis has received practically no time or support and many have even tried to undermine their agenda-- from the hired consultant, the city clerk and the charter review leadership commissioners.

The People's agenda NEEDS and we the People demand Equal and Equitable time:

To be equitable we demand SEVEN (7) entire meetings to address the critical People's issues that will be massively affecting the people of San Jose and needs to be integrated into our city charter.

Below please find info about required city clerk Outreach which I have not seen on Nextdoor or in my direct email or from our politicians in addition our emails should be obtained from going to meetings and contacting the clerk's office and information on how to be on the Charter Review Commission's mailing list is not addressed at meetings either.

City Clerk Role and Outreach

The City Clerk is responsible for sending out notices to the public about the Commission's public hearings. The City Clerk follows a multi-channel protocol when sharing information related to the Commission with the goal of reaching as many community members as possible.

The City Clerk uses the following social media channels to share information:

- City Clerk's [Facebook](#) posts
- City Clerk's [Twitter](#) posts
- [City Facebook](#) posts and paid ads (starting July 23, 2021)

- [City Twitter](#) posts (starting July 23, 2021)
- [City Next Door](#) (starting July 23, 2021)

The City Clerk coordinates with City Council offices to ensure that information is distributed to communities through the Councilmembers.

The City Clerk has devoted [a page of the City's website](#) to information on the San José Charter Review Commission.

All recordings of public hearings and Charter Review Commission meetings can be found on the [City of San José's YouTube Channel](#) compiled into a playlist called "[Charter Review Commission](#)."

The City Clerk will also send out notices to a list of neighborhood organizations.

Sincerely,

Tessa Woodmansee,

President, Garden Alameda Village Association

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Fw: Letter to the Rules & Open Government Committee

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 10/8/2021 8:13 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov> 1 attachments (319 KB)

Mayoral election year-Rules Cmte.pdf;

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From: David Bini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:27 PM
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Subject: Letter to the Rules & Open Government Committee

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Dear City Clerk,

Please provide this letter for the Rules & Open Government Committee.

Thank you,

David Bini

Executive Director

Santa Clara & San Benito Counties**Building & Construction Trades Council**Office [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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San Jose, CA

Phone

October 8th, 2021

David Bini
 Executive Director
 Robert Baldini
 President

Councilmember Jones, Chair and Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee
 City of San José
 200 East Santa Clara Street
 San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee,

On behalf of the 35,000 members of the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, I am writing to urge San José Rules Committee to approve the recommendation to transition mayoral elections to the presidential election cycle.

According to San José State political scientists, this policy can make a significant impact on voter participation and representation. Over the past four mayoral elections, an average of 43.4% of registered voters turned out to vote. With less than half of eligible San Jose residents deciding a major elected position, we must take every opportunity to improve this statistic and improve our local democratic process. Now, the Rules Committee is presented with this very choice. Election research suggests that moving the timing of the city's mayoral elections to presidential years would increase voter turnout by approximately 30%.

This issue has a critical implication on San José's commitment to equitable elections. In an era of rampant voter suppression across the country that threatens the political voice of communities of color, we must pay particular attention to how city policies impact historically marginalized communities. The data reveal that those voters most likely to participate in both mayoral and presidential elections are disproportionately white, homeowners, more educated and affluent, and US-born. Changing the mayoral election to presidential years would increase the representation of people of color, young voters, and women, who are more likely to vote during presidential elections.

Supporting this amendment will help maximize voter turnout and ensure that our democratic institutions are truly representative of the wide range of communities that make ours a remarkable city. We urge members of the Rules & Open Government Committee to support this item and consider who has a say in electing our city's mayor.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

David Bini
 Executive Director

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Fw: Letter for Rules Committee meeting

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Fri 10/8/2021 10:03 AM

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Dear City Clerk:

Please find attached a letter regarding an upcoming Rules Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard Konda
Executive Director
Asian Law Alliance
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San Jose, CA [REDACTED]
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October 7, 2021

The Honorable Councilmember Jones, Chair and
Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee,

On behalf of Asian Law Alliance (ALA) I am writing to urge San José Rules Committee to approve the recommendation to transition mayoral elections to the presidential election cycle.

For many years, ALA has worked with other organizations, individuals, and faith based organizations to increase voter participation. Our civic engagement program seeks to help immigrants obtain citizenship and then to become civically engaged.

According to San José State political scientists, moving the mayoral elections to the presidential election cycle can make a significant impact on voter participation and representation. Over the past four mayoral elections, an average of 43.4% of registered voters turned out to vote. With less than half of eligible San Jose residents deciding a major elected position, we must take every opportunity to improve this statistic and improve our local democratic process. Now, the Rules Committee is presented with this very choice. Election research suggests that moving the timing of the city's mayoral elections to presidential years would increase voter turnout by approximately 30%.

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Respectfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Richard Konda.

Richard Konda
Executive Director

FW: Letter to City Hall for Mayoral Election Date Change

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 10/12/2021 8:55 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Irma Campos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:37 AM
To: [REDACTED] City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Maricela Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Letter to City Hall for Mayoral Election Date Change

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Hello,

Please find the attached.

Sincerely,

Irma Campos

Front Desk Receptionist

Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN)

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Fresno, CA [REDACTED]

www.SirenImmigrantRights.org

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The Honorable Council member Jones, Chair and
Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

10/8/2021

Dear Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee,

On behalf of Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN), I am writing to urge San José Rules Committee to approve the recommendation to transition mayoral elections to the presidential election cycle.

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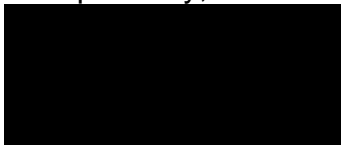
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Maricela Gutiérrez,
Executive Director
SIREN

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FW: Fight For \$15 - FEI Letter

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Tue 10/12/2021 12:44 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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Best,

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Niousha Farhangi
Community Organizer

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FIGHT FOR \$15

The Honorable Councilmember Jones, Chair and
Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

10/12/21

Dear Members of the Rules & Open Government Committee,

On behalf of Fight For \$15 and a Union, I am writing to urge San José Rules Committee to approve the recommendation to transition mayoral elections to the presidential election cycle.

According to San José State political scientists, this policy can make a significant impact on voter participation and representation. Over the past four mayoral elections, an average of 43.4% of registered voters turned out to vote. With less than half of eligible San Jose residents deciding a major elected position, we must take every opportunity to improve this statistic and improve our local democratic process. Now, the Rules Committee is presented with this very choice. Election research suggests that moving the timing of the city's mayoral elections to presidential years would increase voter turnout by approximately 30%.

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Respectfully,

Allynn Umel

National Campaign Director, Fight For \$15 and a Union