



Charter Review Commission

City of San José

Public Hearing MINUTES

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11:00 AM

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Present: Chair- Frederick Ferrer; Members- Barbara Marshman, Elizabeth Monley, Elly Matsumura, Frank Maitski, Garrick Percival, Jeremy Barousse, Jose Posadas, Lan Diep, Louis Barocio, Magnolia Segol, Maria Fuentes, Sammy Robledo (11:03 a.m.), Sherry Segura, Tobin Gilman, Veronica Amador, Yong Zhao

Absent: Christina Johnson, Elly Matsumura, Enrico Callender, George Sanchez, Huy Tran, Linda LeZotte, Thi Tran

Staff: Lawrence Grodeska, Consultant; Megan Roche, Legislative Secretary; Toni J. Taber, City Clerk; Mark Vanni, Senior Deputy City Attorney

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. Public Hearing

a. Presentation from the Reimagining Community Safety Advisory Group.

Sandra Asher, Laurie Valdez, and Sharon Watkins addressed the Commission with regard to police accountability and oversight in San José.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Paul Soto, Poncho Guevara, Tessa Woodmansee, Brett Bymaster, Jose Maldadona, Ana Melara Glenn, Call-In User_2, Liz Soehngen, Cory, Kim Guptill, Sameena Usman, Jose Rodriguez, Ellina, Megan Swift, Maria Marcelo, Jaala Robinson, Jocelyne Cardona, Elizabeth AJ, Lavere Foster, Carmen B., Myisha Taylor, Kiana Munoz, Milan Balinton, Steph Hanson-Quintana, and Sigrid Jacobsen.

b. Public Hearing on Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee Recommendations.

Commissioner Fuentes introduced the recommendations brought forth by the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee. The subcommittee then presented each of their eleven draft recommendations.

Draft Recommendation #1: Article X - Boards and Commission Reform and Draft Recommendation #3: Native Land Acknowledgement

Commissioner Amador presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #1 regarding Article X - boards and commission reform. Commissioner Segura presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #3 regarding a native land acknowledgement.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Victor Sin, Paul Soto, Call-In User_2, Dave W., Carmen B., and Milan Balinton.

Draft Recommendation #2: Use of Gender-Inclusive Language on All of the City of San José Documents and Draft Recommendation #4: 1. Creating and adding a Police Commission to the City Charter; 2. Converting the Independent Police Auditor Office to the Independent Investigations Department, with powers of subpoena, and full and unredacted access to all documents in the possession of the San José Police Department; 3. Creating an Office of the Inspector General to assist the Police Oversight Commission in conducting reviews of patterns, practice, trends, systems, and policies at the Police Department

Commissioner Amador presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #2 regarding the use of gender-inclusive language on all of the City of San José documents. Discussion amongst commissioners ensued. Commissioner Segol presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #4 regarding (1) creating and adding a Police Commission to the City Charter; (2) converting the Independent Police Auditor Office to the Independent Investigations Department, with powers of subpoena, and full and unredacted access to all documents in the possession of the San José Police Department; and (3) creating an Office of the Inspector General to assist the Police Oversight Commission in conducting reviews of patterns, practice, trends, systems, and policies at the Police Department.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Paul Soto, Tessa Woodmansee, Victor Sin, Call-In User_2, and Sandra Asher.

Draft Recommendation #5: Equity Values, Equity Standards, Equity Assessment and Draft Recommendation #9: Equity and Inclusion in City Programming and Budgeting

Commissioner Fuentes presented both the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #5 regarding equity values, equity standards, and equity assessment, as well as the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #9 regarding equity and inclusion in City programming and budgeting.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Paul Soto,

Tessa Woodmansee, Call-In User_2, Sandra Asher, Victor Sin, and Carmen B.

Draft Recommendation #6: Department Audits and Draft Recommendation #8: Amend San José City Charter to address climate change impacts through establishing a Climate Crisis Action Commission in the City Charter

Commissioner Zhao presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #6 regarding department audits. Commissioner Segol presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #8 regarding amending the San José City Charter to address climate change impacts through establishing a Climate Crisis Action Commission in the City Charter.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Call-In User_2, and Dave W.

Draft Recommendation #10: Article XX The Promotion of Home Ownership Opportunities for Low Income Residents of San José and Draft Recommendation #11: The Community to Purchase Act (COPA)

Commissioner Fuentes presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #10 regarding Article XX, the promotion of home ownership opportunities for low-income residents of San José. Commissioner Amador presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #10 regarding the Community to Purchase Act (COPA).

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Paul Soto, Tessa Woodmansee, Cher L., Call-In User_2, Brenda Dohmen, and Sandra.

Draft Recommendation #7: Alter appointments to San Jose's Smart City Advisory Board and the Innovation and Technology Advisory Board with the goal of strengthening community input on the effects and consequences of technological change

Commissioner Percival presented the Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion Subcommittee's Draft Recommendation #7 regarding altering appointments to San Jose's Smart City Advisory Board and the Innovation and Technology Advisory Board with the goal of strengthening community input on the effects and consequences of technological change.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Paul Soto, Victor Sin, Sandra, and Call-In User_2.

X. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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