



Charter Review Commission

City of San José

Study Session MINUTES

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5:30 PM

Monday, September 27, 2021

Present: Chair- Frederick Ferrer; Members- Barbara Marshman, Christina Johnson, Elizabeth Monley, Elly Matsumura, Enrico Callender, Frank Maitiski, Garrick Percival (5:39 p.m.), George Sanchez, Huy Tran, Jeremy Barousse, Jose Posadas, Louis Barocio, Magnolia Segol, Maria Fuentes (5:50 p.m.), Sammy Robledo, Sherry Segura (6:05 p.m.), Thi Tran (5:34 p.m.), Tobin Gilman, Veronica Amador, Yong Zhao

Absent: Lan Diep, Linda LeZotte

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 5:32 p.m.

II. Study Session

Study Session on Policing, Municipal Law, Accountability, and Inclusion

The Commission held a study session on the topics of a climate change commission, Measure G and the role of San Jose's Independent Police Auditor, community police oversight, and Native American land acknowledgement. The following guest speakers presented to the Commission: Matthew Gonser, Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, City and County of Honolulu; Shivaun Nurre, Independent Police Auditor, City of San José; John Alden, Executive Director, City of Oakland, Community Police Review Agency; Sergio Perez, Executive Director, County of Orange Office of Independent Review; Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, BART; Erin Armstrong, Member, BART Police Citizen Review Board; Corina Herrera-Loera, Public Information Officer for the Santa Clara County Emergency Operations Center and Professor of Chicano/a Studies at San José State University; and Gerardo Loera, Director of Development and Communications for the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Public Comment: The following members of the public provided comments: Paul Soto, a caller with the phone number ending in 5140, Tessa Woodmansee, Blair Beekman, Ellina Yin, and Roland.

III. Public Comment/Open Forum

1. Paul Soto discussed the legacy of colonization and historical documents that he provided to the City, and also wished for increased Commissioner engagement on the Native American land acknowledgement discussion.
2. Blair Beekman hoped to see technology oversight as a major part of the City Charter and suggested that the ACLU surveillance technology ordinance be used to incorporate more open democracy into the Charter.
3. A caller with the phone number ending in 5140 provided suggestions on how the Police Department can improve their responsiveness and wished to hear more about Native American innovation.
4. Tessa Woodmansee discussed a need for improved City responsiveness, the urgency of the climate crisis, and wished for additional opportunities to comment during the meeting.

IV. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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