
Fw: Please Oppose Proposed Cuts to Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks (FY 2026–27)

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Sincerely,
Patrick Kottinger, district 3

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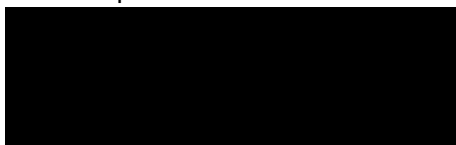
Please preserve funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the 2026–27 budget. I have visited this wonderful regional resource and can attest to its value. There are no other resources that compare. It would damage the reputation of your library and your City if the California Room was not available.

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These programs provide vital benefits:

Economic Impact: The September 2025 Viva CalleSJ generated \$4.7 million in local economic activity, with 80% of 150,000 attendees discovering new businesses.

- Community & Equity: Viva Parks serves high-need areas identified by the Healthy Place Index. These events foster a sense of belonging for 93% of participants and provide rare, free wellness programming in a high-cost region.

Please protect full funding for these essential programs.

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Mary Frances Lynch

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Resident of San Jose District 3
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Hello San Jose Council Members

I relocated to San Jose in 1992 when I was 19 years old. I raised both my sons while living and working in this city. My children proudly acknowledge San Jose as their birth city. I am disappointed and frustrated to hear about proposed cuts to Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks. These events are what brings the people of San Jose together. My husband, children and I love our bonding times during Viva CalleSJ events. Giving California and SJ taxes are higher than other states and cities but we see such family events like Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks are cultural activities outweighing the taxes SJ residents spending on. Your decision to cut costs on these events while continuing to spending heavily on unsuccessful homelessness projects and private corporations like AI data center, SAP center these projects are not accessible to children and families with low income who need access to family activities without worrying about affordability.

Please consider the family values and bonding time benefits to firmly reject cuts to Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks.

A hopeful mother,
Kim Castro

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I personally visit my friends in San Jose often, and they have benefitted greatly from this room being open. I urge you to protect public access.

Sincerely,

Regina, Sonoma County

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The proposal (Parks Maintenance Redistricting, Citywide Sports Programming, and Lease Management) in the FY27 Proposed Budget would transition Arcadia from what the City itself describes as a "full onsite operations model with dedicated reservation and programming, concessions, and maintenance staff" to a facility where reservations are managed through the Citywide Sports Program field reservation system and maintenance is incorporated into a park maintenance district.

Arcadia serves a wide and diverse community, including youth baseball, senior softball, adult recreational leagues, and competitive fastpitch programs. The proposed changes could affect all of these groups in meaningful ways.

Facility upkeep and on-site presence - Today, Arcadia has staff on site who are accountable for the condition of the fields, the playground, the bathrooms, and the surrounding landscaped areas. Under the proposed model, maintenance would be handled by a park maintenance district responsible for multiple parks across the city. While those teams do important work, a shared district model means Arcadia would be one of many facilities competing for attention rather than having a dedicated team whose primary focus is this facility. Users should expect that response times to issues, including field conditions, restroom maintenance, and equipment problems, may be slower than they are today.

City-managed leagues - The on-site coordination and programming staff who currently run Arcadia's city-managed leagues would be eliminated under this proposal. That includes the adult slow pitch softball league, which currently costs \$900 per team for a season of 10 guaranteed games. Without a city-run option, teams would need to turn to private leagues, where comparable programs currently charge approximately \$1,100 per team for 6 guaranteed games. That is a significant difference in both cost and value, and there is no guarantee a private league would have access to Arcadia's fields under the new reservation model. It is also worth considering that the private league filling this void may not be a reliable long-term alternative. The local adult slow pitch league has changed hands three times in the past decade, a sign that operating a sustainable program in this market is harder than it looks. Players who lose access to the city league may find themselves with an option that is not only more expensive and shorter in duration, but potentially uncertain from season to season.

Reservations and scheduling - Moving to the Citywide Sports Program reservation system means scheduling would be managed centrally, alongside all other parks and fields across San Jose. Users who currently benefit from on-site coordination and direct communication with facility staff may find the process less responsive. Centralized systems, while efficient at scale, can increase the risk of scheduling conflicts and make it harder to resolve issues quickly when they arise.

Field time allocation - With on-site programming staff no longer overseeing Arcadia's calendar, there may be less active management of how field time is distributed across user groups. Today, that oversight helps balance access between youth, senior, recreational, and competitive programs. Without it, field time could shift based on demand and revenue rather than community balance, and groups with less organizational capacity may find it harder to secure consistent access.

Concessions - The proposal notes that current concessions are part of the "full onsite operations model" being eliminated. It is not clear whether concession services would continue under the new model, be offered less frequently, or be discontinued. Users and families who rely on that amenity, particularly during full-day tournaments and youth events, should be aware this is uncertain.

Arcadia is one of the finest publicly operated sports facilities in San Jose. These concerns are not about the staff who would take on responsibilities under the new model. They are about what is structurally possible when a dedicated facility team is replaced by a shared, citywide system.

Arcadia Ballpark works. The fields are well-maintained, the leagues are affordable and in demand, and the on-site team delivers a level of service that is rare in a city park system. The proposed changes would dismantle that model to achieve savings that amount to a fraction of a percent of the overall parks budget. We ask the Mayor and City Council to reject this proposal and preserve Arcadia's current operating model in its entirety — its staff, its leagues, its concessions, and its on-site management. What exists today took years to build and will not be easily rebuilt once it is gone.

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A Concerned Arcadia Supporter

-Celina M. Vasquez

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Subject: May 11th: Agenda Item - Neighborhood Services Budget Study Session

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Dear Mayor Mahan, City Manager Maguire, and Council Member Tordillos,

I am actively involved in 2 adult softball leagues hosted at Arcadia Ballpark. My softball communities are key to my mental health and wellness. We often gather at Arcadia for entire evenings, both the play and cheer for our friends.

I'm writing to share concerns about the proposed FY2026 27 budget changes that would significantly alter how the Arcadia ballpark facility operates.

I ask that the City Clerk include this message in the public comment record for the Neighborhood Services Budget Study Session.

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Thank you for your time and public service.

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you to protect the California Room, preserve public access to our shared history, and demonstrate that San José values its cultural heritage and civic memory.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Avila, District 4

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Dear Mayor Mahan, City Manager Maguire, Members of the City Council, and the Parks and Recreation Commission,

I'm writing as a San Jose resident to ask you to oppose the proposed cuts to Viva CalleSJ and Viva Parks in the FY 2026 27 budget. The proposal, listed as Item 13 in the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department budget, would reduce Viva CalleSJ from three annual events to two and cut Viva Parks from 75 events down to 50.

I understand this budget cycle is difficult. But I'd ask you to consider what these programs actually do before reducing them.

The September 2025 Viva CalleSJ drew over 150,000 people. A study by the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State found the economic impact of that single event was \$4.7 million. Nearly 80% of attendees discovered a local business they hadn't visited before, and 78.5% planned to spend money along the route that day. That kind of neighborhood activation is genuinely hard to replicate through other means.

The community numbers are just as striking. 93% of participants said the event increased their sense of belonging in San Jose. 84% said they talked to someone they otherwise wouldn't have. These aren't abstractions. This is a program that makes people feel like they live somewhere worth caring about.

Viva Parks matters for a different reason. It was designed specifically for neighborhoods with the fewest resources, using the Healthy Place Index to target where free wellness programming is needed most. Cutting 25 events doesn't distribute the loss evenly. It falls hardest on people who don't have alternatives.

There's also a cost-of-living dimension worth naming directly. San Jose sits inside one of the wealthiest metro areas in the world, and yet a large share of its residents are priced out of most of what that implies. Going out as a family costs money a lot of households don't have. Viva Calle is one of the only large, free events where kids can move around safely and families can spend a full day together without spending anything. That gap between what Silicon Valley projects and what many San Jose families can actually afford is exactly why this program matters.

The total savings from these cuts is \$301,984. In the context of a \$1.72 billion General Fund, that is less than two hundredths of one percent. I'd respectfully ask whether that tradeoff is worth it.

Please protect full funding for Viva CalleSJ at three annual events and Viva Parks at 75 events.

Thank you for your time.

A Concerned San Jose Resident

Jennifer Jennings

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Fw: Please save the California Room

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Please save the California Room

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In full disclosure, I am a librarian for San Jose Public Library and also a San Jose resident. I am highly dismayed to hear of the news that the California Room might stop offering open hours to the public. It is one of the crown features of our library system and also our city. I believe there are other, more palatable cuts that could be made. For example, reducing Viva Calle events from three times to one time a year would be unfortunate, but not nearly as devastating as losing this unique resource where people can access our local history. I have personally used many resources here in understanding the history of the San Jose Public Library itself and it can be so instrumental in offering locals access to personal and family histories.

Thank you,

Sarah Kishler, San Jose resident.

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Dear Mayor Mahan, City Manager Maguire, and Members of the City Council,

As a graduate student at San José State University, I strongly urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the 2026-27 budget.

For students and the general public alike, being able to access the California Room maintains a key window into the past that promotes wisdom, knowledge of where we come from, and tools to understand and address historic inequities.

In January 2024, a team of students and researchers from San José State University produced an [in-depth analysis](#) of the impact of the construction of I-280 on immigrant communities and historic neighborhoods within the city. This powerful research shines a light on past decisions we made as a society, who they impacted, and where we can go from here. Without access to the California Room and the library staff who work there, this type of research would be impossible.

Closing this invaluable public resource to save just 0.6% of the overall City Library budget would be a devastating and short-sighted decision, especially as San José prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2027. I ask you to protect the

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Sincerely,
Joseph Saperstein
SJSU Student
District 6 Resident

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Dear Councilmember Tordillos,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the City of San José's proposal to close public access to the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library during the upcoming budget deliberations scheduled for 9:30 AM this coming Monday, May 11th.

The California Room is an irreplaceable public resource that serves not only the residents of San José, but also students, faculty, historians, genealogists, journalists, and researchers across the entire Bay Area. As part of the unique partnership between San José State University and the City of San José, the King Library has long stood as a model of public academic collaboration. The California Room is one of the crown jewels of that partnership.

Our own students rely on the California Room regularly for coursework, theses, capstone projects, and independent research. Faculty researchers at San José State University and beyond depend on its archives, historical records, maps, photographs, newspapers, and local history collections in ways that

simply cannot be replicated online or elsewhere. The specialized knowledge of its staff is itself an invaluable public asset.

Closing public access to the California Room would be a devastating loss. It would undermine historical research, public scholarship, civic memory, and community identity at precisely the moment San José approaches its 250th anniversary. As preservation advocates have noted, this proposal would save only a tiny fraction of the overall city budget while permanently diminishing one of the region's most important historical collections.

What is especially troubling is that such a consequential decision appears buried as a relatively minor line item within a much larger budget proposal. A change of this magnitude deserves public attention, transparent debate, and serious reconsideration. The proposed closure must be foregrounded and stopped before the city suffers an irreversible cultural and educational loss.

I respectfully ask that you speak out against this proposal during the budget meeting and advocate for maintaining full public access and staffing for the California Room.

Thank you for your attention and for your service to the residents of District 3 and the broader San José community.

Sincerely,

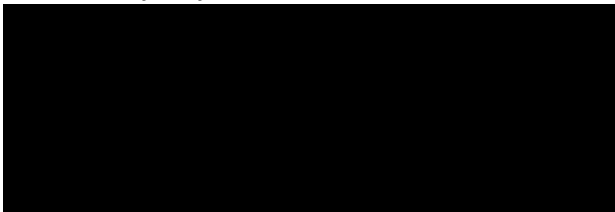
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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my unwavering opposition to the proposed funding changes for Arcadia Ballpark. While a budget is a fiscal document, it is also a moral one, and the decision to reduce staff support at Arcadia is a direct threat to the safety and well-being of San Jose's most vulnerable residents. Arcadia Ballpark is far more than a recreational facility; it is a vital social infrastructure. Having dedicated, on-site staff is the only way to maintain the ballpark as a functional, safe environment. Without this funding, we risk losing a space that serves as a sanctuary for at-risk communities to congregate and form the social bonds that hold our city together. The impact of this funding reaches far beyond the diamond:

- **Public Health & Safety:** The city-run leagues at Arcadia provide an essential outlet for physical and mental health. By fostering a space for productive activity, we are actively investing in crime prevention and community stability.
- **Inclusion & Equity:** Arcadia is a primary home for multiple LGBTQ organizations (SJWSL and SVGSL). It creates an invaluable, safe community for a protected class of people who often struggle to find inclusive spaces in the public sphere.

- **Support for Recovery:** For those in addiction recovery, Arcadia provides a structured, joyful environment at a critical and sensitive stage of their lives. It is a lifeline that keeps people busy and engaged with their community during their most difficult moments.

I urge this session to recognize that cutting funding for Arcadia isn't just a budget adjustment it is the dismantling of a community cornerstone. I ask you to fully restore the proposed funding and ensure that Arcadia Ballpark remains a staffed, safe, and thriving resource for all of San Jose.

Sincerely,

Sierra Lincoln

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Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 12:48 PM

To: Webmaster Manager <[REDACTED]>

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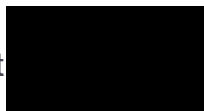
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Please keep the California room open in whatever way you can. If it can't be fully funded be inventive and come up with plan that keeps the room, and documents, available to the public. I understand there is a lot of effort put into digitizing materials, and while that is important, and I hope it can continue, maybe postpone some of that if necessary but still pay for a clerk to maintain the collection and help direct public to materials for the time being.

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Thank you,

Suzanne Morrone

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I understand this budget cycle is difficult. But I'd ask you to consider what these programs actually do before reducing them.

The September 2025 Viva CalleSJ drew over 150,000 people. A study by the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State found the economic impact of that single event was \$4.7 million. Nearly 80% of attendees discovered a local business they hadn't visited before, and 78.5% planned to spend money along the route that day. That kind of neighborhood activation is genuinely hard to replicate through other means.

The community numbers are just as striking. 93% of participants said the event increased their sense of belonging in San Jose. 84% said they talked to someone they otherwise wouldn't have. These aren't abstractions. This is a program that makes people feel like they live somewhere worth caring about.

Viva Parks matters for a different reason. It was designed specifically for neighborhoods with the fewest resources, using the Healthy Place Index to target where free wellness programming is needed most. Cutting 25 events doesn't distribute the loss evenly. It falls hardest on people who don't have alternatives.

There's also a cost-of-living dimension worth naming directly. San Jose sits inside one of the wealthiest metro areas in the world, and yet a large share of its residents are priced out of most of what that implies. Going out as a family costs money a lot of households don't have. Viva Calle is one of the only large, free events where kids can move around safely and families can spend a full day together without spending anything. That gap between what Silicon Valley projects and what many San Jose families can actually afford is exactly why this program matters.

The total savings from these cuts is \$301,984. In the context of a \$1.72 billion General Fund, that is less than two hundredths of one percent. I'd respectfully ask whether that tradeoff is worth it.

Please protect full funding for Viva CalleSJ at three annual events and Viva Parks at 75 events.

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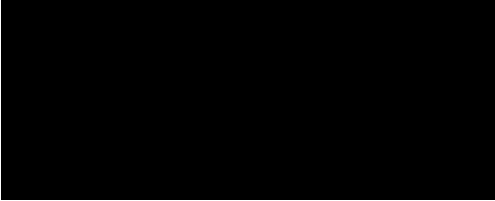
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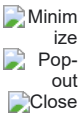
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I understand this budget cycle is difficult. But I'd ask you to consider what these programs actually do before reducing them.

The September 2025 Viva CalleSJ drew over 150,000 people. A study by the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State found the economic impact of that single event was \$4.7 million. Nearly 80% of attendees discovered a local business they hadn't visited before, and 78.5% planned to spend money along the route that day. That kind of neighborhood activation is genuinely hard to replicate through other means.

The community numbers are just as striking. 93% of participants said the event increased their sense of belonging in San Jose. 84% said they talked to someone they otherwise wouldn't have. These aren't abstractions. This is a program that makes people feel like they live somewhere worth caring about.

Viva Parks matters for a different reason. It was designed specifically for neighborhoods with the fewest resources, using the Healthy Place Index to target where free wellness programming is needed most. Cutting 25 events doesn't distribute the loss evenly. It falls hardest on people who don't have alternatives.

There's also a cost-of-living dimension worth naming directly. San Jose sits inside one of the wealthiest metro areas in the world, and yet a large share of its residents are priced out of most of what that implies. Going out as a family costs money a lot of households don't have. Viva Calle is one of the only large, free events where kids can move around safely and families can spend a full day together without spending anything. That gap between what Silicon Valley projects and what many San Jose families can actually afford is exactly why this program matters.

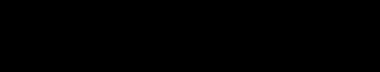
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Dear Mayor Mahan, City Manager Maguire, and Members of the City Council,

I am writing as a user of Arcadia Ballpark to share concerns about the proposed FY2026-27 budget changes that would significantly alter how the facility operates. I am also copying the Parks and Recreation Commission liaison and would appreciate it if this message could be shared with commission members and included in any relevant public correspondence ahead of the budget cycle.

I also ask that the City Clerk include this message in the public comment record for the Neighborhood Services Budget Study Session.

The proposal (Parks Maintenance Redistricting, Citywide Sports Programming, and Lease Management) in the FY27 Proposed Budget would transition Arcadia from what the City itself describes as a "full onsite operations model with dedicated reservation and programming, concessions, and maintenance staff" to a facility where reservations are managed through the Citywide Sports Program field reservation system and maintenance is incorporated into a park maintenance district.

Arcadia serves a wide and diverse community, including youth baseball, senior softball, adult recreational leagues, and competitive fastpitch programs. The proposed changes could affect all of these groups in meaningful ways.

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