
Fw: California Room - Library Department Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 5/13/2026 10:09 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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Hello.

I am an architectural historian and a historic preservation planner. I have worked with municipalities all over the state of California and specifically with San Jose in the past few years as a CEQA consultant. The aim of my work is to help communities preserve important components of their heritage while complying with state law.

As part of my work I regularly use the collection of the California Room, which is truly unparalleled in its breadth of historic materials related to San Jose and Santa Clara County. Additionally, the librarians who staff this collection are so kind, so knowledgeable, and so professional, and they provide excellent access to the materials they oversee.

I strongly urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the 2026–27 budget. Closing this public resource to save just 0.6% of the overall City Library budget would be a

devastating and short-sighted decision, and will hobble the ability of consultants like me to provide comprehensive, informed CEQA compliance documentation for San Jose and other Santa Clara municipalities.

I ask 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,
Stacy Farr

Stacy Farr, Associate

Architectural Historian & Preservation Planner

Pronouns: She/Her



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I am saddened to hear of the decision to cut funding for the California Room, and I urge you to reconsider. The California Room and its librarians have preserved the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley through an irreplaceable collection of books, photographs, maps, archives, and historical records explored by thousands of students, educators, researchers, and community members every year. Closing this invaluable public resource to save just 0.6% of the overall City Library budget would be a short-sighted decision, especially as San José prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2027. In this climate, it is more important than ever to tell true stories about our shared history and strive toward a more culturally conscious public. In addition to all of the continuous resources, the loss of rotating exhibits that have no other home like Pinoytown Rising would be devastating. Please maintain funding to this important community resource.

Sam Ricci

(she/her/hers)

Manager of Education

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Fw: Arcadia Park Concerns

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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fw: Arcadia Park Concerns

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From: Ric Ferras <[REDACTED]>
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To: Webmaster Manager <[REDACTED]> PRCLiaison <[REDACTED]>
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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.

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. Thank you for your time and public service.

A Concerned Arcadia Supporter

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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:31 PM
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Hello,

I am Jana Madrid born and raised in San Jose, a student at [REDACTED] and a Museum Educator at History San Jose. I am writing to urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the 2026 2027 budget. I have had the pleasure of utilizing the resources of the California Room from its documents, devices, and librarians to explore the history of San Jose and California a little more.

This past weekend while working an event at History Park, I was able to share a little bit of San Jose history with a very interested teenager. When he asked for other places to read about history I directed him and his family to the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. It would be

very disappointing if young people like him, enthusiastic about the history of our city and state, did not have access to such an invaluable public resource like the California Room.

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

Sincerely,
Jana Madrid

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Fw: Public Comment: 2026-27 Operating Budget Hearing

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From: Sangeetha Vasu <[REDACTED]>
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To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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Hello,

Please protect library hours and staffing, preserve safe and welcoming branches, and avoid further cuts that reduce access to one of San José's most trusted public services. Our family relies on these branches for community and learning, and losing Sunday hours would be a significant loss for us.

Our family spends a lot of time in the library. I have a 6 year old who completed the 1000 books before kindergarten challenge. I take her a lot to the willow glen and king library

Signing Off..
Sangeetha Vasu

Fw: Support Older Adult Heal and Wellness Programs

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Karen Akahoshi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 2:36 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Older Adult Heal and Wellness Programs

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I urge you to continue funding "Older Adult Health and Wellness" programs that support seniors in San Jose.

Programs at Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center provide essential health education, fitness and social connection for us older adults.

These services help me and other seniors stay healthy, independent and connected to our community. Please prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.

Thank you for supporting the well being of San Jose's older adults.

Sincerely,
Karen Akahoshi
District 3

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Fw: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Noriko Kamikihara <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 8:11 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I urge you to continue funding OLDER ADULT HEALTH AND WELLNESS (OAHW) PROGRAMS that support seniors in San Jose.

Programs at YU-AI KAI JAPANTOWN COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER provide essential health education, fitness and social connection for older adults, especially those who face language and cultural barriers.

These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community.

Please provide continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budgets.

The part of SJ Japantown community, I know OAHW programs are helping these seniors tremendously, I think it's the our duty to support our seniors and take care of them. Our community is like a family, children take care of their aging parents.

Thank you for supporting the well-being of San Jose's older adults.

Best,

Noriko Kamikihara

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Fw: San Jose Woman's Club Seeks Your Help in Preserving the California Room Staff

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From: President San Jose Woman's Club <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 11:05 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: San Jose Woman's Club Seeks Your Help in Preserving the California Room Staff

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Dear Ms. Taber,

It has come to our attention that the City of San Jose's budget includes the elimination of all staff and access to the California Room at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library which we strongly oppose. The California Room houses priceless historical artifacts from California history with an emphasis on the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley including our indigenous peoples and immigrant communities from every country that has made our valley so special.

The women's clubs in the 19th and early 20th centuries were pivotal in establishing America's public library system, with the General Federation of Women's Clubs credited with founding over 75% of public libraries across America.

In 1872, San José Woman's Club member and suffragette Sarah Knox Goodrich started the San José Library Association and San Jose' first library in an upstairs room of the Knox Block on the corner of First and Santa Clara streets.

Today the San Jose Woman's Club board minutes are part of the historic artifacts maintained at the library which provides an insight to the daily lives and activities of San Jose and the nation since our founding in 1894. Since then women have secured foundational rights in the U.S. including the right to vote, the right to hold office, property rights, access to contraception, equality in business and education, and as recently as 1974 the right to have a bank account or credit card without a male co signer.

The women's clubs across America have fought long and hard to provide equal access to educational materials for all and are disappointed to learn that the City of San Jose would even propose cutting the budget for this valuable resource.

Please retain our history by continuing to provide access to all and keep the California Room staff in the budget.

Best regards,

Lynda Sereno, President

Claudia Corino, First Vice President

John Blair, Treasurer

Janis Gemignani, Assistant Treasurer

April Halberstadt, House Manager and Club Historian

Lydia Patino, Recording Secretary

Lucille Boone, Corresponding Secretary

Rev. Deacon Kathleen Crowe Director of Academic Outreach

Charity M. Burton Director of Community

Eileen Hunter Director of Community Engagement

Darlene Tenes Director Diversity and Inclusion

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Cc: CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Please DO NOT close the California Room at our Main Library!

Hi City Clerk, Agenda Desk,
Please find public comment below related to the City Council Budget Sessions.

Thank you,
-matt

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This is a travesty. Please do NOT close the California Room. This is a valuable resource that needs saving. Please consider alternatives before closing it if closure must happen. I suggest contacting the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley which has loads of resources about California history. Maybe they would welcome having our collection added to theirs.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bancroft_Library

Another consideration would be to allow docents to operate the collection with the supervision of a librarian some of the time.

Here's a paste from another letter writer:

"I've been on a little bit of a rampage this week because our dear Mayor Matt Mahan & City Manager Jennifer Maguire plan to shut down the California Room at the cost of \$396,646. According to public payroll data on [OpenGovPay.com](#) in 2024 Macguire earned \$532,039 and the person that originally proposed the cuts is San Jose City Librarian Jill Bourne whose compensation was \$429,271. Yep.

So, I sent this letter to the Mayor, city council, all relevant commissioners, historians, historical groups and a couple of reporters... Thanks Sal Pizarro at The Mercury News, Joshua Barousse & Joyce Chu at San José Spotlight and all of the historical organizations for sharing your disbelief. 🙄

Dear Mayor Matt Mahan and City Council,

It has come to my attention that the City of San Jose plans to cut funding for the California Room at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Buried deep in the budget on page 618 the Mayor and City Manager are proposing eliminating all California Room staff which would result "in the closure of the California Room to regular public access." Countless historians, property developers, real estate agents, educators, students, authors, the media and others have visited the room over the years to gather valuable information, including 5,442 visits in 2025 alone. Everyone who has visited the space knows how crucial it is to have a full-time librarian knowledgeable about the unique collection to guide research on San Jose and Santa Clara County history.

Beyond research the staff began curating exhibits and educational talks in 2018 telling the many stories from our diverse community including:

- Eastside Dreams: The Untold Story of East San Jose
- Pinoytown Rising: Filipinos Americans in Santa Clara County
- Women on Wheels, California Wind Dancers
- Hidden Heritages: San José's Vietnamese Legacy
- Black History Month at the California Room
- Story & King: San Jose's Lowrider Culture

Plans to continue the untold stories from the Japanese, LGBTQ, Southeast Indian and other diverse communities will now be halted.

During these unprecedented times, the Trump administration faces legal action and criticism from historians and conservationists concerned that its policies are intentionally erasing or altering American history on public lands and in federal institutions. We cannot allow the City of San Jose to do the same.

By removing staff and access, our rich and diverse cultural history remains hidden. Institutionalized dedicated staff is needed, not just someone to open the door by appointment. Additionally not all files have been digitized, and precious, delicate, one-of-a-kind artifacts will be forgotten behind closed doors.

I strongly encourage you to keep the funding intact.

Sincerely,

Dalene Tenes

History San Jose Boardmember

San Jose Woman's Club Boardmember

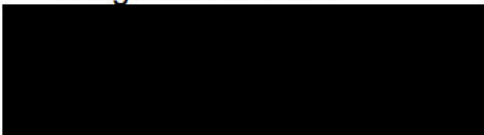
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If you would like to weigh in before the budget goes to vote on June 2nd send an email to the following:



Thank you for your consideration.

Marguerite Cardinal



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Additional Budget Session Public Comment

From Opsal, Matthew <[REDACTED]>

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To City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

Cc CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>

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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. Thank you for your time and public service.

A Concerned Arcadia Supporter

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Fw: Abandon Speed Camera Program

From Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <[REDACTED]>

Date Thu 5/14/2026 1:54 PM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 8:23 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Fw: Abandon Speed Camera Program

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From: Steven S <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 6:49 AM

To: District1 <[REDACTED]>

Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Abandon Speed Camera Program

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Dear Councilmember Rosemary Kamei,

As a resident of your district, I urge you to vote against allocating the \$2.125 million local matching funds for the AB 645 speed camera pilot program. We are facing a \$50.3 million deficit, and while I understand that forfeiting a federal grant may be a bitter pill to swallow, I believe the city's other projects are more important, like the Police Training Center and the Fire Station.

I request that you reject this camera match and instead split the saved \$2.125 million to maximize immediate safety, protect privacy, and reduce the budget shortfall for this year.

- **Reject the Surveillance State:** Automated license plate tracking and speed cameras create a permanent surveillance network. This system locks San José into massive data-storage obligations, complex third-party vendor reliance, and ongoing digital privacy liabilities. Municipal data collections are prime targets for cyberattacks, creating unbudgeted legal risks for the city.
- **Fund Low-Cost Civil Engineering Instead:** Surveillance does not stop a speeding car; physical design does. A portion of the saved funds should go toward immediate, cost-effective physical traffic-calming. High-visibility crosswalk paint, quick-build bulb-outs, and reflective pedestrian islands protect our streets without profiling residents or creating regressive financial burdens.
- **Build a Fiscal Bridge for Next Year:** Roll the remaining saved funds directly into city reserves. Holding back this cash right now allows us to protect core municipal operations like neighborhood library hours and public safety personnel.

Please choose more pragmatic options than an intrusive, high-overhead surveillance experiment.

Sincerely,
Steven Simon

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Fw: San Jose City Budget/Older Adult Health & Wellness Grants

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From: Nancy Hikoyeda <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 4:02 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> David Cohen Councilmember San José District 4
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> City Clerk
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Subject: San Jose City Budget/Older Adult Health & Wellness Grants

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Dear Mayor Mahan, D4 Councilmember Cohen, and City Clerk:

I am writing on behalf of Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Senior Center (YAK) to respectfully urge your continued support for the Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs/grants funded by the City of San José.

Yu-Ai Kai provides bi-cultural, linguistically appropriate services to older adults in San José's historic Japantown. Many of our seniors face significant barriers to care—including limited English proficiency, low income, social isolation, and discrimination. As the only organization in the region offering these essential services in Japanese and/or in a culturally appropriate manner, YAK serves as a trusted,

accessible source of support for some of the most vulnerable in our community. Furthermore, YAK serves the wider Jaspantown community far beyond its American Japanese roots.

YAK's OAHW programming includes: (1) Physical and mental health education to prevent chronic disease; (2) Culturally tailored day services for frail seniors; (3) Fitness and wellness classes; (4) Peer support groups; and (4) Senior empowerment workshops These programs are more than just services—they are lifelines that promote physical health, emotional well-being, and a vital sense of belonging and community for all elders.

As the YAK Wellness Consultant and former coordinator of the city-funded Kenko (Healthy) Living Series (KLS), I have witnessed the effects of the 55+ expert speakers who have presented evidence-based health/wellness information to well over 3,500 YAK participants over the years. The various topics have ranged from preventing chronic conditions to nutritional information, dementia, stress reduction, and awareness of social isolation and scams, to name a few. These lectures have provided knowledge, skills, and changes in health behaviors as evidenced by the stellar KLS evaluations.

These city-funded programs are essential and help to ensure San José's most vulnerable seniors will continue to receive the culturally competent care and connection they need to live independent, safe, healthy, and dignified lives. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to equity for our older adults.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hikoyeda, DrPH, MPH
Specialist in Ethnogeriatrics
YAK Wellness Consultant
District 4 Resident

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Fw: Please save the California Room - Library Department Budget

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Dear Mayor, Council and staff :

I am writing to you to let you know that I have used the California Room many times to support archives that my wife and I have in the Special collections next door. I have found it invaluable and I urge you to maintain the funding for the California Room in the 2026 27 budget.

For more than a century, the California Room and its dedicated librarians have preserved the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley through an irreplaceable collection of books, photographs, maps, archives, and historical records explored by thousands of students, educators, researchers, and community members every year. 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 California Room, preserve public access to our shared history, and demonstrate that San José values its cultural heritage and civic memory.

Sincerely,

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Ted Smith



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Fw: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 3:36 PM
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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I urge you to continue funding Older Adult Health and Wellness (OAHW) programs that support seniors in San Jose.

Programs at Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Community Services Center provide essential health education, fitness, and social connection for older adults, especially those who face language and cultural barriers.

These services help seniors stay healthy, independent, and connected to their community. PLEASE prioritize continued funding for OAHW programs in the upcoming City budget.

Thank you for supporting the well-being of San Jose's older adults.

Sincerely,

Jiro and Ann Michiyo Saito
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FW: California Room

From Opsal, Matthew <[REDACTED]>
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To City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Cc CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon City Clerk, Agenda Desk,
Please find additional California Room public comment below.

Thank you,
-matt

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed budget cuts for the California Room at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. As detailed on page 618 of the budget, the proposal to eliminate all California Room staff would effectively close this resource to regular public access.

The California Room is a vital community asset, serving 5,442 visitors in 2025 alone. Historians, educators, students, and professionals rely on this collection and the expertise of full-time librarians to navigate the history of San Jose and Santa Clara County. Beyond research, the staff has been instrumental in curating impactful exhibits that highlight our city's diverse heritage, such as "Eastside Dreams," "Pinoytown Rising," and "Hidden Heritages." These essential efforts to tell the stories of our Japanese, LGBTQ, and Southeast Indian communities will be halted if funding is removed.

At a time when the preservation of American history is under scrutiny nationwide, San Jose must prioritize protecting its own local records. Removing dedicated staff risks leaving one-of-a-kind, non-digitized artifacts inaccessible and forgotten. Access requires more than an appointment; it requires the institutional knowledge that only dedicated staff can provide.

I strongly urge you to keep the funding for the California Room intact to ensure our city's rich cultural history remains accessible to all.

Sincerely,

Katie Hahn
Katie Hahn

"Teach them what they need to know for life." -St. Julie Billiart

"Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able, of themselves, to impart purpose and direction to their lives." -Rudolf Steiner

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