
FW: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 6/22/2026 8:04 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: gumby [REDACTED]
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Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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Sincerely,
Gumby Marques

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FW: Please Pull Item 2.21 From Consent and Defer Downtown Parking Rate Changes

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 6/22/2026 11:27 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dan Phan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 11:25 AM
To: District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Please Pull Item 2.21 From Consent and Defer Downtown Parking Rate Changes

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmember Tordillos,

I am writing as a Downtown San José business owner regarding Item 2.21 on Tuesday's City Council agenda: the proposed amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown parking meter rates and hours.

I respectfully ask that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar and not approved without further discussion and outreach to Downtown businesses.

As proposed, the item would extend parking meter hours in the Downtown core to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and authorize \$4/hour rates at meters located within two blocks of a city parking garage. For restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, and other evening-facing businesses, this is not a minor administrative change. It directly affects the cost and convenience of visiting Downtown during the exact hours when many of us are working hardest to bring people back.

Downtown businesses are still dealing with real challenges: reduced foot traffic, public safety concerns, rising labor and operating costs, and the ongoing need to convince guests that Downtown is an easy and welcoming place to visit. Increasing the cost of parking and extending paid meter hours into the evening creates another barrier for customers, employees, and visitors.

I understand the City's need to manage parking supply and revenue, but this policy should not move forward on consent without a meaningful conversation with the businesses and stakeholders who will be most affected. At minimum, I ask that Council defer this item and direct staff to conduct outreach with Downtown businesses, restaurants, venues, property owners, residents, and the Downtown Association before returning with a final recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on Downtown's recovery. I would appreciate your support in pulling Item 2.21 from consent and allowing for a fuller public discussion before any vote is taken.

Sincerely,

Dan Phan
M.O. Hospitality

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From: Steve and Karen Lassman [REDACTED]
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for downtown parking meter rates and hours. I wish to express my concern about this amendment. Gas price increase, general inflation increase. Also, new housing in the city without enough parking for the tenants. Driving up the prices of parking meters & the timeframe will cause the people who are coming in a revitalization of downtown to rethink coming. The average patron to San Jose should not have the burden of paying for our city's budget shortage as they are helping to drive up the city's businesses. It does not make fiscal sense. Sincerely,

Karen Lassman A Concerned Resident

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From: Gia Besagar [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Resident

Regards,
Gia

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FW: Request to Pull Item 2.21 (Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours) from the June 23 Consent Calendar

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 6/22/2026 3:03 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Frank Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:01 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To the Office of the City Clerk:

Please enter the following comment into the public record for Item 2.21 on the June 23, 2026 City Council agenda, and distribute it to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

I'm writing as the owner of Academic Coffee to ask the Council to pull Item 2.21 from the June 23 Consent Calendar, so the proposed downtown parking meter changes can be discussed and voted on separately rather than approved as a routine bundled item carried over from the adopted budget. If it is not pulled, I ask that it be rejected or deferred until there has been real analysis and genuine outreach to the downtown business community.

The proposal would double metered rates from \$2 to \$4 per hour and extend paid enforcement from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. By the city's own description, it falls on roughly 1,600 meters in the downtown core, while about 1,000 other metered spaces, including Japantown and the areas east of City Hall near SJSU and the county civic center, are exempt. The full burden of this increase is concentrated on the one district that has spent years working to rebuild its evening foot traffic. Downtown is being singled out to carry what is, in effect, a citywide revenue measure.

I also want to flag that the comparison being used to justify this, that \$4 is still cheaper than San Francisco, does not hold up to scrutiny. San Francisco prices parking by demand and by time of day. Its rates run from \$1 per hour up to a ceiling that very few meters ever reach, and even on its busiest downtown and SoMa blocks, prices fall to roughly \$1 to \$2 in the evening. I saw this firsthand last week. I had dinner near the ballpark and paid less than \$6 for almost three hours

at a metered space under their dynamic pricing. Under the flat \$4 rate now proposed for downtown San José, that same three hours would have cost double what I actually paid in San Francisco.

San José's proposal would do the structural opposite. It sets a single flat \$4 rate across the whole downtown core, with no adjustment for demand or time of day, and pushes it three hours later into the night. It would charge peak level prices during exactly the dinner and nightlife hours when San Francisco's demand based rates are at their lowest. That is not an apples to apples comparison, and the underlying data deserves to be examined in public before any vote.

A change with this much impact on downtown businesses, our employees, and our customers should not move forward as an unexamined consent item. I respectfully ask the Council to pull Item 2.21 from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, and to reject or defer it until there has been genuine outreach to the downtown business community.

Thank you for entering this comment into the record, and for your work on behalf of downtown San José.

Frank Nguyen (He/Him)
Owner, Academic Coffee
www.academiccoffee.com
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FW: Public comment re Item 2.21 for meeting June 23. 2026

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From: Mary Idso <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:28 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Public comment re Item 2.21 for meeting June 23. 2026

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To: Members of San Jose City Council

As a member of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, I have concerns about Item 2.21 - changes to the Master Parking Rate Schedule, increasing meter hours from 6 pm to 9 pm.

We are located on 3rd St between St. James and St. John. The change in parking meter hours would create a problem for those attending the frequent evening meetings at our church. Those affected include our members, and others such as attendees at AA meetings and other public events.

Many are older and would have difficulty walking from the nearest parking garage. Also the cost of parking (meetings often last longer than 1 1/2 hours) is an issue.

I urge you to reconsider these new rules. There needs to be more consideration of the impacts and more outreach to those affected.

Thankyou

Mary R Idso
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95112

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Fw: Council Agenda Item 2.21 - Request for Deferral

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Brian Kurtz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:06 PM

Subject: Council Agenda Item 2.21 - Request for Deferral

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Please find the attached letter requesting that item 2.21 be pulled from the council agenda for further discussion and deferral for community engagement.

The San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA) respectfully requests that the Council remove Item 2.21 from the June 23 consent calendar and defer action to allow for meaningful dialogue and planning with the Downtown business community and explore alternatives that can be developed through proper engagement.

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Thank you for your consideration.

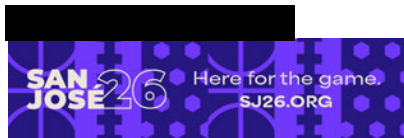
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San Jose Downtown Association

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June 22, 2026

Re: Request to Remove Item 2.21 from Consent Calendar - Amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown Parking Meters

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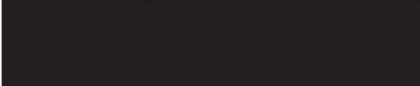
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Sincerely,


Brian Kurtz
Chief Executive Officer
San Jose Downtown Association

FW: Please Don't Increase the Parking Meters

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:43 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Correa, Jennifer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Please Don't Increase the Parking Meters

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Dear Mayor and Members of the San José City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed parking meter rate hikes and the extension of enforcement hours in downtown San José.

At a time when our downtown area is working hard to recover, we should be incentivizing community gathering, supporting local businesses, and making our city center more accessible. Raising parking rates and extending enforcement hours creates an immediate barrier for residents, workers, and visitors. Higher costs actively discourage people from choosing downtown San José for dining, entertainment, and cultural events.

Instead of penalizing those who want to visit and support our city center, San José should focus on welcoming policies that make it easier for people to gather and stay longer. I urge the City Council to reject these parking increases and instead explore solutions that actively stimulate foot traffic and support our local economy.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to our community.

Jennifer Correa

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95112

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FW: Oppose the Meter Hike

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:43 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Mack Marquard <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:31 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6 <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Oppose the Meter Hike

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Dear Mayor and Members of the San José City Council,

As a resident at [REDACTED] I am writing to ask the City Council to reject the proposed parking meter rate increases and the extension of enforcement hours in downtown San José.

A thriving downtown relies entirely on a steady flow of people—residents, families, and visitors—who come together to eat, shop, and experience local culture. By making parking more expensive and harder to find after hours, we are doing the exact opposite of what our community needs.

Instead of lowering barriers to entry, these changes create unnecessary financial friction that will push people away from choosing downtown San José for their evening plans. Our city center should be a welcoming space that encourages vibrant public life and supports local small businesses.

I urge the council to prioritize initiatives that incentivize downtown gathering rather than adopting revenue strategies that actively discourage foot traffic.

Thank you for your leadership and your attention to this critical issue for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Mack Douglas Marquard

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:44 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:35 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:42 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Viet Ngo <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 4:54 PM

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I am writing as the owner of Vietnoms in the SoFA Market regarding the upcoming meeting on June 23, 2026, specifically about Agenda Item 2.21, which proposes an amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for downtown parking meter rates and hours. I wish to express my concern about this amendment. While I understand the need to manage downtown parking effectively, I am worried that increasing rates or extending hours could disproportionately affect local residents and small businesses by making parking less affordable. We are already seeing a major decline in business in the SoFA district and increasing parking will discourage people from visiting. It would be helpful to have more clarity on how these changes will balance revenue generation with community needs. Thank you for considering public input on this matter. I appreciate your attention to ensuring that any amendments serve the best interests of all downtown stakeholders.

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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Sincerely,
Kenton Kuwada
Managing Partner, Courage Anyone

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FW: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:46 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Paul Navarro <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 5:55 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:46 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Francisco Murguia <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 3:40 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Jonah Garza <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 6:32 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:46 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Avery Tang <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 6:55 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Zack Schumacher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 7:04 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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Sincerely,
Zack Schumacher
[REDACTED]

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:52 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Izabel Martinez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 6:30 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:53 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Julianne Martinez <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 9:01 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:55 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: B Sorensen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 9:45 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:55 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Mihai Valentin Pop <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:05 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support for Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Meter Rates

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Dear City Council,

I am writing as a resident to express my opposition to Agenda Item 2.21, the Amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours, discussed at the June 23, 2026 meeting.

I believe that increasing the parking meter rates and hours is a NEGATIVE step toward better managing downtown parking, which WILL NOT BENEFIT local businesses and visitors. Living downtown is already terribly expensive and an absolute waste of urban existence, in a sprawl of suburban dystopia and a half failed Silicon Valley dream.

Thank you for considering public input on this important matter.

Sincerely,
M.Pop

Mihai Valentin Pop

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FW: Amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours.

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:55 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: steve sos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:07 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: District3 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours.

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As a member of historic Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (located at the corner of St. John and N 2nd Street and located in the proposed parking meter rate increase and time change zone, we are exceptionally concerned and opposed to this consent agenda item.

Our spiritual community will often schedule evening meetings, specifically after 6pm, to allow congregants, visitors, volunteers and other attendees to participate in events without having to pay a parking fee. We will be adversely affected by such a short-sighted decision. Like many downtown religious groups, we rely on public street parking for our community members. In the downtown core, we don't have the luxury of expansive free parking lots as in other council districts. By agreeing to such a budget item, you are adversely affecting the very community you are elected to serve.

We strongly encourage you to remove this item from the consent agenda and find another way to balance the City's budget. Focus, instead, on continuing to make the downtown core a more vibrant, engaging destination. Many places of worship, non-profits, community groups, and small businesses will be hurt by such a decision.

Respectfully,
Steve Sosnowski
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:55 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: John Yang <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:14 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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FW: Vote NO on doubling parking meter fees in Downtown San Jose

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:56 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Christine Trinh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:24 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Vote NO on doubling parking meter fees in Downtown San Jose

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Dear Mayor and Members of the San José City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed parking meter rate hikes and the extension of enforcement hours in downtown San José.

At a time when our downtown area is working hard to recover, we should be incentivizing community gathering, supporting local businesses, and making our city center more accessible. Raising parking rates and extending enforcement hours creates an immediate barrier for residents, workers, and visitors. Higher costs actively discourage people from choosing downtown San José for dining, entertainment, and cultural events.

Instead of penalizing those who want to visit and support our city center, San José should focus on welcoming policies that make it easier for people to gather and stay longer. I urge the City Council to reject these parking increases and instead explore solutions that actively stimulate foot traffic and support our local economy.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,
Christine Trinh of District 5 in San Jose

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- Christine Trinh
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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:56 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: atharv khutale <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 10:40 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:57 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Arthur Cardoza <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 11:48 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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From: Roy Thompson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:00 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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FW: Public Comment on Item 2.21 – Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:58 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Tomoyo Yoshinaga <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:32 AM
To: District3 <[REDACTED]> Mahan, Matt <[REDACTED]> City Clerk
<[REDACTED]> Tordillos, Anthony <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Public Comment on Item 2.21 – Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours

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June 22, 2026
The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor
Councilmember Anthony Tordillos, District 3
City of San José

RE: Request to Pull Item 2.21 (Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours) from the June 23 Consent Calendar

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmember Tordillos,

I'm writing as the owner of Cash Only and operator at Haberdasher and soon to be BitterBuck to ask you to pull Item 2.21 from the June 23 Consent Calendar, so the proposed downtown parking meter changes can be discussed and voted on separately rather than approved as a routine bundled item carried over from the adopted budget.

The proposal would double metered rates from \$2 to \$4 per hour and extend paid enforcement from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. By the city's own description, it falls on roughly 1,600 meters in the downtown core, while about 1,000 other metered spaces, including Japantown and the areas east of City Hall near SJSU and the county civic center, are exempt. The full burden of this increase is concentrated on the one district that has spent years working to rebuild its evening foot traffic. Downtown is being singled out to carry what is, in effect, a citywide revenue measure. I also want to flag that the comparison being used to justify this, that \$4 is still cheaper than San Francisco, does not hold up to scrutiny. San Francisco prices parking by demand and by time of day. Its rates run from \$1 per hour up to a ceiling that very few meters ever reach, and even on its busiest downtown and SoMa blocks, prices fall to roughly \$1 to \$2 in the evening. I saw this firsthand last week. I had dinner near the ballpark and paid less than \$6 for almost three hours at a metered space under their dynamic pricing. Under the flat \$4 rate now proposed for downtown San José, that same three hours would have cost double what I actually paid in San Francisco.

San José's proposal would do the structural opposite. It sets a single flat \$4 rate across the whole downtown core, with no adjustment for demand or time of day, and pushes it three hours later into the night. It would charge peak level prices during exactly the dinner and nightlife hours when San Francisco's demand based rates are at their lowest. That is not an apples to apples comparison, and the underlying data deserves to be examined in public before any vote. A change with this much impact on downtown businesses, our employees, and our customers should

not move forward as an unexamined consent item. I respectfully ask you to pull Item 2.21 from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, and to defer it until there has been real analysis and genuine outreach to the downtown business community.

Thank you for your time, and for your work on behalf of our district.

Cheers,
Tomoyo Yoshinaga
Cash Only
Haberdasher
BitterBuck

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Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:58 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Nomikai <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 1:42 AM

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

District3 <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Request to Pull Item 2.21 from Consent Calendar-Concerns Regarding Downtown Parking Rates

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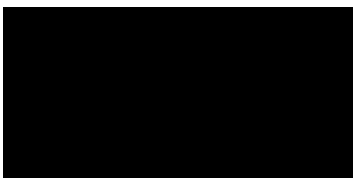
I am writing as a business owner regarding the upcoming meeting on June 23, 2026, specifically about Agenda Item 2.21, which proposes an amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for downtown parking meter rates and hours. I have my concerns about this amendment and am requesting to pull item 2.21 for further discussion.

While I understand the need to manage downtown parking effectively, I am deeply concerned that increasing rates or extending hours could disproportionately affect local residents, small businesses, employees and patrons by making parking less affordable and accessible and will deter people coming to downtown.

Thank you for considering public input on this matter. I appreciate your attention to ensuring that any amendments serve the best interests of all downtown stakeholders.

Respectfully,
Kathy Tran

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Date Tue 6/23/2026 7:58 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Joe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 5:41 AM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 2.21: Amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours

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Re: Agenda Item 2.21: Amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours

Dear City Council,

\$4 per hour is ridiculous for Downtown San Jose, especially until 9pm. This is unethical and will significantly hurt business. Downtown SF and Oakland meters end at 6PM, and generally charge less than \$4 per hour. Downtown SF and Oakland have viable public transit alternatives to driving, which Downtown San Jose does not.

I personally will not be able to attend many events in Downtown because of this, and I have heard the same from many others. These are not empty threats. If you pass this, you will see significant decreases in visits to Downtown San Jose.

This will tear at the fabric of community. What used to be casual gatherings, now many people won't be able to attend. There are increasing numbers of homeless and mentally ill people on your streets and to park on those same streets you are going to increase the cost and further alienate people. Are these streets still public?

If this change to metered parking passes, people will cease to explore Downtown—they will only go there for a specific purpose for the minimum time. You are restricting people's freedom of movement and exploration. Destroying foot traffic Downtown is not the way to raise money.

This is undemocratic because your constituents do not want this. Your constituents are not cash cows. They do not support this, and would not vote for you based on this policy. Your consideration of this option shows how disconnected you are from the needs and desires of

your community. Stop using your power to afflict the people who appointed you to serve them, or they will likely vote against you in the next election.

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 6/23/2026 8:01 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Carly Rose Apuzzo <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 7:53 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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A Concerned Resident

Carly Apuzzo
(Pronouns: They/Them)

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Arlyn Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 7:55 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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Arlyn Garcia

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Becca Wright <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 8:06 AM
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From: Caroline <[REDACTED]>

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Alfredo Muccino <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 8:18 AM

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I believe that increasing rates or extending hours could negatively affect not just local residents but also the small businesses that contribute to the social fabric of DWNTWN SJ.

As is, the businesses in the SoFA district struggle to create traffic...and making parking more expensive would aggravate the situation, making it harder for those businesses to survive.

I have spoken with several property owners, residents and business owners in the neighborhood and most of them agree that increasing the cost of parking will have a considerable negative effect on the local businesses and on the folks who live and enjoy this particular part of downtown.

I think it is important to take into account public input on this matter - and I hope you will reconsider increasing parking fees. I appreciate your attention to ensuring that any amendments serve the best interests of the people and businesses that contribute to making downtown a vibrant destination.

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Ciao!

Alfredo Muccino

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Antonio Favela <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 9:29 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Becky Mariscal [REDACTED]
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From: Curtis Lai [REDACTED]
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on the June 23, 2026 City Council agenda, which proposes amendments to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for downtown parking meters.

As a concerned business owner in Downtown San Jose, I am worried about the potential impact that increased parking rates and extended meter enforcement hours could have on local businesses, employees, residents, and customers.

Downtown businesses already face significant challenges attracting customers. Many visitors compare the convenience and cost of coming downtown with other shopping and dining areas that offer free and readily available parking. Additional parking costs may discourage customers from visiting downtown restaurants, shops, and services, particularly for short trips or casual visits. Small businesses depend on accessible and affordable parking to remain competitive and continue contributing to the vitality of Downtown San Jose.

These changes may also create additional financial burdens for employees who work downtown and rely on public parking. Small businesses are already navigating rising operating costs, and policies that make downtown less accessible can further affect customer traffic and economic activity.

Another concern is the impact on customers who simply want to make a quick pickup. Many downtown businesses, including restaurants, serve customers who may only need 30 seconds to a few minutes to walk in, collect an order, and leave. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for customers to receive a parking citation during these very short visits if they are unable to pay the meter immediately or are simply unlucky with timing.

A \$60 parking ticket can easily overshadow an otherwise positive experience and discourage that customer from returning downtown in the future. In my experience, many customers are already hesitant about the inconvenience and cost of parking when deciding whether to visit Downtown San Jose. The fact that some visitors are concerned about paying for parking even for a brief pickup demonstrates how sensitive customers are to these barriers. If customers are already hesitant to put a quarter in the meter while choosing to spend their money downtown, that alone says a great deal about the challenges we face in attracting visitors.

I understand the importance of managing parking resources and supporting city services. However, I respectfully ask the Council to carefully consider the potential consequences these changes may have on the small business community that contributes to the vitality of Downtown San Jose. I encourage the City to seek solutions that balance parking management goals with the need to maintain a welcoming, affordable, and accessible downtown environment. Consideration should be given to short grace periods, designated pickup zones, or other customer-friendly solutions that support both parking management goals and the economic health of downtown businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment and hope the Council will take into account the perspectives of local business owners when evaluating this proposal.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Business Owner in Downtown San Jose

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From: Claire Hill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 10:55 AM
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Sincerely,

Claire Hill



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FW: Public Comment on Item 2.21 – Downtown Parking Meter Rates and Hours

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From: Cache Bouren [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 11:12 AM

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From: Marisol Pelcastre [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 11:21 AM
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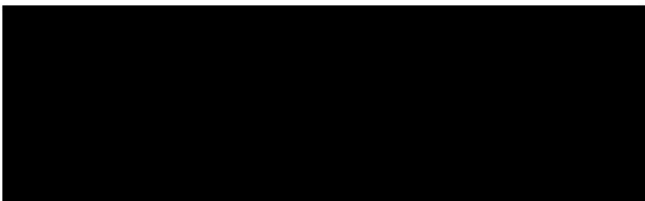
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From: Dan Phan [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 11:52 AM

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Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

My name is Dan Phan, and I am a Downtown San José business owner with M.O. Hospitality. I am writing regarding Item 2.21 on Tuesday's agenda, the proposed amendment to Downtown parking meter rates and hours.

I respectfully ask that Council pull Item 2.21 from the Consent Calendar and defer the item for further discussion and stakeholder outreach.

I understand the City is facing serious budget pressure, and I appreciate the need to maintain services. I also understand that Downtown has parking garages, 90-minute free parking programs, and employee parking programs that are intended to help offset parking costs.

However, those programs do not eliminate the impact of this proposal.

Extending paid meter hours until 9:00 p.m. and raising key Downtown meters to \$4/hour directly affects the evening economy: restaurants, bars, cafes, entertainment venues, retail businesses, employees, residents, and visitors. These are the exact hours when Downtown businesses are trying to bring people back, rebuild foot traffic, and improve the perception of Downtown as an easy and welcoming place to visit.

For guests, 90 minutes does not always cover dinner, drinks, shows, events, or a full Downtown experience. For employees, it does not cover a normal shift. For many visitors and workers, street parking is still chosen because of proximity, convenience, safety, or timing.

This proposal would also put Downtown San José at the very high end of regional meter rates, but without the demand-based flexibility used in places like San Francisco, where rates adjust by location, time, and demand rather than applying one broad evening increase across a district.

If this proposal is being advanced as part of the City's budget solution, I believe Council should have a separate public discussion about why the burden is being concentrated on Downtown, how the new revenue will be used, whether it will be reinvested into Downtown, and what alternatives were considered.

This is not a routine consent item. It has a direct impact on Downtown businesses and the broader recovery of the district.

Please pull Item 2.21 from the Consent Calendar, discuss it separately, and direct staff to conduct real outreach with Downtown businesses and stakeholders before moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Phan
M.O. Hospitality

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I know of many employees, who are already fighting tooth and nail to live on a San Jose salary, in an area with high cost of living, high tax rate, high gas tax and this adds an unneeded and unnecessary strain to their take home paycheck by proposing an approximate \$20-40 dollar parking fee just to come to work every day.

Thank you for considering public input on this matter. I appreciate your attention to ensuring that any amendments serve the best interests of all downtown stakeholders. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Resident

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 12:29 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Joanna Fumiko [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:26 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Best,
Joanna Acevedo
Social Media Manager (Contract)
[REDACTED]
[LinkedIn](#)

Note: I work flexibly, so I don't expect a response right away!

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 12:40 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Brittany Stocking [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:35 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Holly Elizondo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:37 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Increasing the parking rates would be detrimental for businesses, employees of downtown, and simply the everyday person. This is a classic example of price gouging in an already difficult cost of living area in an unstable time in our world.

Everything about this is impractical for the regular person/downtown resident. The idea of shifting people toward the parking garages is unsafe. As a downtown employee I see people get their cars broken into and their tags stolen frequently when parking in the local garages. There is zero security in these places and it is not only physically unsafe but damaging and therefore extremely costly as well as emotionally taxing.

As a downtown employee I would have to strongly consider quitting my job and working elsewhere since driving my own car and paying for metered parking is my only way of reliable transportation and ease and safety of parking. If parking doubled it would take a considerable amount of my daily pay. And I could simply work somewhere else where parking is not a problem and I wouldn't have to worry about the city or local government taking hours of my pay just to show up.

Lastly there is not reliable public transportation to take for me to get to downtown. It not only feels unsafe with the amount of people loitering at stations downtown but the trains and busses stop running early and I would not be able to get home from work. The only other option would be taking expensive lyfts or ubers. Again not practical or reasonable for normal everyday use for work.

Thank you for considering public input on this matter. I hope you make the best choice for your San Jose residents, employees, and visitors. I hope its clear that raising the prices would be damaging all around.

Sincerely,
Holly Elizondo

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Peter Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:49 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Dear City Council,

I am writing as both a resident and manager of a downtown business. This is in regard to the upcoming meeting today, June 23, 2026, specifically about Agenda Item 2.21, which proposes an amendment to the Master Parking Rate Schedule for downtown parking meter rates and hours. I wish to express my concern about this amendment.

While I understand the need to manage downtown parking effectively, I am worried that increasing rates or extending hours could disproportionately affect local residents and businesses, including my own, by making parking less affordable and accessible. It would be helpful to have more clarity on how these changes will balance revenue generation with community needs.

Thank you for considering public input on this matter. I appreciate your attention to ensuring that any amendments serve the best interests of all downtown stakeholders.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Resident and Business Operator

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 12:57 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Ali Alp Gurer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:54 PM
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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 1:46 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Rachel Kaiser [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 1:39 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Resident and Business manager

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FW: Comments on Proposed Increase in City Parking Meters

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 1:46 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Julie Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 1:41 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: JULIE THOMPSON [REDACTED]
Subject: Comments on Proposed Increase in City Parking Meters

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Greetings: I'm sure these comments are too late to make a difference and it seems San Jose has already assumed the increase in parking meter revenue in this year's budget.

As a local resident of Japantown, downtown San Jose, I urge you to reconsider the plan to *DOUBLE* the current amount of parking fees. The small business owners are already struggling to even stay afloat and in business. It is really ridiculous to ask people to spend \$4-8 to park on the street to patronize these restaurants. The local residents of San Jose are also already struggling to make ends meet and if it now costs an extra \$8 to visit a local cafe, I can assure you people won't do it as it's already very costly to even enjoy a meal out.

This decision is sliding through without thoughtful consideration of the impact on the local businesses around San Jose.

Sincerely,
Jules Thompson

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95112

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 1:59 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sierra Clary [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 1:56 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Agenda Item 2.21 on Downtown Parking Rates

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Dear City Council,

I am writing as a resident of South 2nd Street to strongly oppose Agenda Item 2.21 and the proposed amendments to downtown parking meter rates and enforcement hours.

I have lived downtown for the past five years, and I am speaking from direct experience as someone who is already burdened by these policies every day.

My biggest concern is how disconnected these proposals are from the reality residents face. Until just a few weeks ago, I was unaware of the Passport Parking app existing as a remote payment option. Because that information was not clearly communicated, I have received multiple parking citations in the past, some starting at \$40 or more. When I could not pay them immediately, the fines kept growing, and what began as a simple parking issue turned into a serious financial burden. Those escalating penalties eventually affected my ability to renew my vehicle registration and created a cycle that became harder and harder to escape.

That is exactly why I cannot support increasing parking rates or extending meter enforcement hours until 9:00 PM. These changes do not solve the real problems downtown residents are facing. They simply make life more expensive for people who are already doing their best to keep up with rent, utilities, groceries, and every other cost of living. For many young working adults living downtown, parking is already a strain. Raising rates and expanding enforcement will only punish residents further without offering any meaningful relief or improvement.

Frankly, I believe this proposal sends the wrong message. At a time when residents are struggling with affordability and safety, the City should not be focused on squeezing more money out of people who live and work downtown. Just two weeks ago, there was a shooting near Reed Street and South 2nd

Street, only steps from where I live, and one person lost their life. That tragedy is a painful reminder that our neighborhood is facing serious issues that deserve immediate attention. Residents are worried about safety, stability, and the overall quality of life in our community.

I understand that parking, public safety, and neighborhood quality of life may fall under different departments and budgets, but from the perspective of the people who live here, priorities matter. Right now, increasing parking costs and extending enforcement hours is not the answer. It is an unfair burden on residents and a distraction from the issues that truly need attention.

I urge the Council to reject these proposed changes and instead focus on better outreach, clearer communication about payment options, affordability, and the safety and well-being of downtown residents and neighbors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sierra Clary
Resident of South 2nd Street

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jay Washington [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:50 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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This is mismanagement written all over it.
We are currently experiencing record numbers in downtown attendance due to world cup, yet we've decided *Now* was the time to do road work on Santa Clara Street? The foresight in planning out projects downtown has been abysmal. This change is going to see the punishment visitors and residents alike. An uptick in parking violations, just for trying to enjoy commerce? Why must it be so expensive to enjoy our so few amenities. We have very few downtown communal events, and the ones we do have are so weak. Charging guests before making downtown feel attractive stifles interaction before it takes place. This is terrible.

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- Jay Washington

FW: San Jose citizen from 95125, against increasing prices and hours on parking meters

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 6/23/2026 2:32 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kate Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 2:28 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: San Jose citizen from 95125, against increasing prices and hours on parking meters

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Writing to comment that I am against increases to meter rates and strongly against extending metered hours on SJ parking meters.

This would bring in at best a negligible increase in revenue for the city, but will have outsized negative effects on an already struggling downtown night life.

Thanks for your time and for allowing me to submit a comment on this.

Sincerely,
Kate Johnson
San Jose, CA 95125
[REDACTED]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 6/24/2026 7:32 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Robert Creth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 4:49 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 6/24/2026 7:33 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Joseph Weathers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 5:04 AM
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Date Mon 6/29/2026 7:30 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Nathan F Nana [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2026 5:28 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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