

Fw: Support Historic Preservation Ordinance – Clear the Way for Levitt Pavilion

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Date Wed 11/26/2025 1:10 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Resident of San Jose

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Support the Arts AND Protect Our Landmarks!

Andre Luthard



San Jose, California 95112

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From: Christine Rossi [REDACTED]
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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am a supporter of San Jose's historic neighborhoods. I urge you to **deny the proposed amendments affecting the St. James Historic District**. These changes threaten the integrity of our historic buildings and community, and could set a precedent that undermines other historic districts across the city. Preservation is about more than architecture, it's about maintaining the unique character and identity of our city. I ask that you **uphold San Jose's General Plan priorities** and protect our historic heritage.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to preserving our city's history.

Sincerely,
Christine Rossi
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San Jose
Northside neighborhood

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