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(For Damages to Persons or Personal Property)

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DESCRIPTION OF LOSS (Describe injury, property of state "NO INJURIES.")	damage or loss, so far as is known at this time. If there were no injuries,
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OTHER INJURED PERSONS (list names and addres	sses)
DWNER OF PROPERTY DAMAGED (if different from	m claimant)
MOUNT CLAIMED:	6,225
Amount claimed as of this date:	\$
Estimated amount of future costs:	\$ TBD 6,225
Total amount claimed:	\$ 0,245
asis for computation of amounts claimed (include co	opies of bills, invoices, estimates, etc.):
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VITNESSES, HOSPITALS, DOCTORS, ETC. (list na	ames and addresses):
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have read the matters and statements made in the a	above claim and I know the same to be true of my own knowledge, except to
nose matters stated upon information or belief and a erjury that the foregoing is TRUE and CORRECT.	as to such matters I believe the same to be true. I certify under penalty of
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ed this day ofSeptember	, 20
3	Claimant's Signature

### I, Joseph Lopez, declare:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this document, and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently.

### Background

I just celebrated my birthday and am doing everything I can to stay positive and hopeful about my future as I work towards stability and happiness. For most of my adult life, I lived a stable and hardworking life. I spent years working as a contractor at Home Depot and also held a steady job as a security guard at Alex's 49ers. I took pride in providing for my family—my wife and our two children, who were great years old when COVID struck.

When the pandemic hit, everything changed. My security job ended overnight. A year later, Home Depot began layoffs, and I lost that job as well. Losing both sources of income was devastating. The financial strain quickly spilled over into my marriage, and I found myself without the stability of my home and family.

With nowhere else to turn, I moved in with my father to provide full-time care for him. He is legally blind, and I was grateful to be able to help him manage his daily needs. But when my father had to move into a small one-bedroom apartment because of finances, there was no longer space for me. With no family or friends able to take me in, I had no choice but to live on the streets. That was six years ago, and I have been unhoused ever since. I recently moved into the in San Jose, but I do not know how long I'll be able to remain.

Even through this hardship, I worked to create purpose and income for myself. I taught myself how to repair and rebuild scooters—something I had never done before but learned through patience, trial and error, and long days working with friends. I salvaged motors from flea markets, collected chains, controllers, and frames, and spent entire days turning broken parts into working machines. I was proud of the progress I made. Over the past year and a half, I had sold several scooters and even had two prepaid orders waiting for completion. For me, this work wasn't just about money—it was about rebuilding dignity and stability from the ground up.

That fragile progress was wiped away in June 2025, when the City and its contractors destroyed everything I had built.

### Location

The enforcement action occurred at the encampment where I was staying (see attached photograph with "x" representing exact location of encampment), which was subject to abatement between June 14–16, 2025. I had only arrived at this location the night before, bringing all of my belongings and the tools of my work with me.

### Notice From and Communication With City or Agency Prior to Enforcement Action

I was never given advance notice from the City that the site would be cleared. No one provided written notice, explained what was happening, or told me where my property would go. I did not

have the chance to move or secure my belongings. I have never had an opportunity to recover my property and no one from the City ever answers my call when I call the number online.

### **Day of Enforcement Action**

On or around June 14–16, 2025, City contractors from Tucker Construction arrived at the site and told the people there they needed to clear out immediately. I was never given any chance to gather my belongings. My property, including all the tools and parts I used for my scooter repair work, as well as irreplaceable sentimental items for my children, was taken away and never returned.

### Description of Property Seized (see attachment for itemized list and photographs)

The property taken included professional tools (ratchet and wrench sets, a welder), scooter frames and motors in progress, electronic controllers and parts, chargers, bicycle carts, a Bluetooth speaker, backpacks, and a jewelry box with a special necklace and earrings for my daughter.

The necklace was a gift from a medicine man outside the Indian Health Center, who gave it to me years ago before I even knew I would have a daughter. He told me it would protect her, and I saved it until she was born. Losing it has been heartbreaking.

### **Harm Caused From City's Actions**

The City's actions caused me not just the loss of property, but the unraveling of the fragile progress I had worked so hard to build. The impact has been financial, emotional, and deeply personal.

My tools, equipment, and scooter parts were not simply "things." They were the foundation of the small business I had taught myself to create. For over a year and a half, I spent long days and nights learning how to repair and rebuild scooters from salvaged parts. Each tool I bought at the flea market, each motor I saved up for, represented an investment in my future. I had finally reached a point where people were paying me to build scooters for them. Two orders were already prepaid, and I owed those customers scooters I can no longer deliver. When the City took my tools and parts, they did not just take metal and machines—they took away my only source of income, the work that gave me pride, and the fragile hope I had of rebuilding stability in my life.

Among the things taken was a small jewelry box that held a necklace and earrings I had saved for my five-year-old daughter. The necklace was given to me by a medicine man outside the Indian Health Center, long before I even knew I would have a daughter. He pressed it into my hand and told me it would protect her one day. That necklace was more than silver and stone—it was a blessing, a promise, a piece of our family's story. Losing it has left a hole that cannot be measured in money. The thought that my daughter will never receive it from me, as it was intended, has been devastating.

The sudden, total loss of all my belongings left me with nothing. In one sweep, everything I had

managed to hold onto through years of hardship—tools, memories, my work, my hope—was gone. I felt fear as I watched strangers dismantle the little stability I had created. I felt humiliation and despair, knowing I could not protect the things that mattered most to me. Above all, I felt stripped of dignity. These belongings were more than property; they were the pieces of a life I was desperately trying to rebuild.

The City never gave me notice, never gave me a chance to protect or reclaim my things. I was denied even the basic fairness of due process. What was taken from me cannot be replaced, and the harm I have suffered is significant and irreparable. I am asking the City to recognize the harm its actions have caused. Compensation cannot restore the sacred necklace meant for my daughter, or erase the humiliation of losing my work in front of strangers. But acknowledgment and restitution can at least provide a measure of justice. I respectfully request compensation for the full value of my property, and acknowledgment of the emotional harm and livelihood losses that cannot be reduced to dollars.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Jose, CA on September 25, 2025.

Printed Name: Joseph Lopez

# ITEMIZED DAMAGES FOR DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CLAIM UNDER \$12,500

Date of Incident: June 2025

Name of Claimant:

Joseph Lopez

How you estimated the value of the item (see attached photographs for each)	Rad Power Bikes website	eBay	Grainger website	Grainger website	Harbor Freight website	Temu	Aliex Press website
The reasonable cost to replace the item	\$200	08\$	\$200	\$200	\$150	\$25	\$200
Condition at the time of the Incident (New, Lightly used; Damaged but usable; or Not Usable)	Lightly used	Damaged but useable	Lightly used	Lightly used	Lightly used	Lightly used	Osed
Description of the item	Rad Bicycle Trailer	InStep Bicycle Trailer	Westward Socket Set (200 piece)	Westward Socket and Wrench Set (150 piece)	Chicago Electric Welder	Electric Scooter Drive Chains (8)	Brush Motors (8)

Brushless Motors (8)	Nsed	\$1200	Amazon
Electric Scooter Frames (8)	Nsed	008\$	eBay
Scooter Throttle Cables (8)	Lightly used	\$120	Aliex Press website
ECU controllers (8)	Lightly used	\$100	Aliex Press website
ION Pathfinder Speaker	Lightly used	08\$	Walmart
Electric Scooter Battery Chargers (8)	Lightly used	\$320	Segway website
Backpacks with various nuts and bolts and cables (2)	Lightly used	\$50	Amazon website (not attached)

For each item that cannot be replaced (for example, because it has sentimental value), describe the item and explain why the item is valuable to you and what value you claim for it.

# 1. Jewelry Box with Necklace and Earrings for My Daughter

- not just jewelry—it was a blessing, a promise, and a symbol of the bond between father and child. Along with the necklace were two necklace—a silver eagle claw holding a marble—that was given to me by a medicine man outside of the Indian Health Center. Years pairs of earrings, one set with red stones and the other with green stones. I had saved these items for her birthday on August 13 as a before I even knew I would have a daughter, he pressed it into my hand and told me it was meant to protect her. That necklace was gift to show her that even in my hardest times, I always thought of her. The loss of these items is devastating, as they can never be Inside one of my bags was a small jewelry box I had kept for my five-year-old daughter. The most important item inside was a replaced or replicated.
  - Claimed Value: \$500 (recognizing that the true sentimental value is priceless). Ь.

### Emotional damages:

Losing all of my belongings in June 2025 was not just the loss of objects—it was the loss of everything that gave me stability, dignity, and hope. Each item taken had a meaning and purpose, and together they represented my entire livelihood and the fragile sense of progress I had built for

and through trial and error. The day they took my property, they didn't just clear an encampment—they destroyed my business, my income, and my and a half of hard work I had invested in teaching myself a trade. Every wrench and ratchet, every salvaged motor, every chain I had collected was When the City's contractors hauled away my tools, motors, and scooter frames, they weren't just taking metal and parts—they were erasing a year a piece of a puzzle I was building toward survival. I had poured eight-hour days into learning how to rebuild scooters, often working with friends chance to climb out of homelessness. I was left not only with debt to the customers who had already paid me for scooters I could no longer finish, but also with the crushing weight of knowing that my effort and dedication had been treated as disposable. The loss went far deeper than work. Mixed in with the tools were the few treasures I had saved for my children. The jewelry box with a silver eagle who told me it would protect her. I had held onto it all this time, waiting for the right moment to pass it on to her, so she would know she was loved and protected even when I couldn't be with her. Losing that necklace has left me with a grief I can barely put into words. My daughter will never claw necklace inside was meant for my five-year-old daughter's birthday. It was more than a gift—it was a sacred blessing from a medicine man receive it from me, and that absence weighs on me every day. Even the bicycle carts and backpacks—items most people might overlook—were essential to my survival. They were my way of carrying tools and chargers, and they also reminded me of my children and the kindness of friends who had tried to help me along the way. To see those things disappear was like losing pieces of my connection to family and to community.

humiliated, and powerless. I had worked so hard to hold on to what little I had, and in an instant it was gone—without warning, without notice, and without any chance to save it. The fear and despair of watching strangers dismantle the fragile stability I had managed to create will stay with me The emotional impact of this loss has been profound. In one moment, everything I had left in the world was taken from me. I felt stripped bare, for the rest of my life.

nothing but grief, shame, and the overwhelming sense that I am invisible in the eyes of the very city I live in. The harm cannot be measured in These were not just belongings. They were my livelihood, my memories, my family's keepsakes, and my dignity. Their loss has left me with dollars alone, but it is real, lasting, and devastating.

TOTAL SPECIAL DAMAGES

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(value of items taken)

GENERAL DAMAGES
Emotional Distress

TOTAL SUM OF DAMAGES

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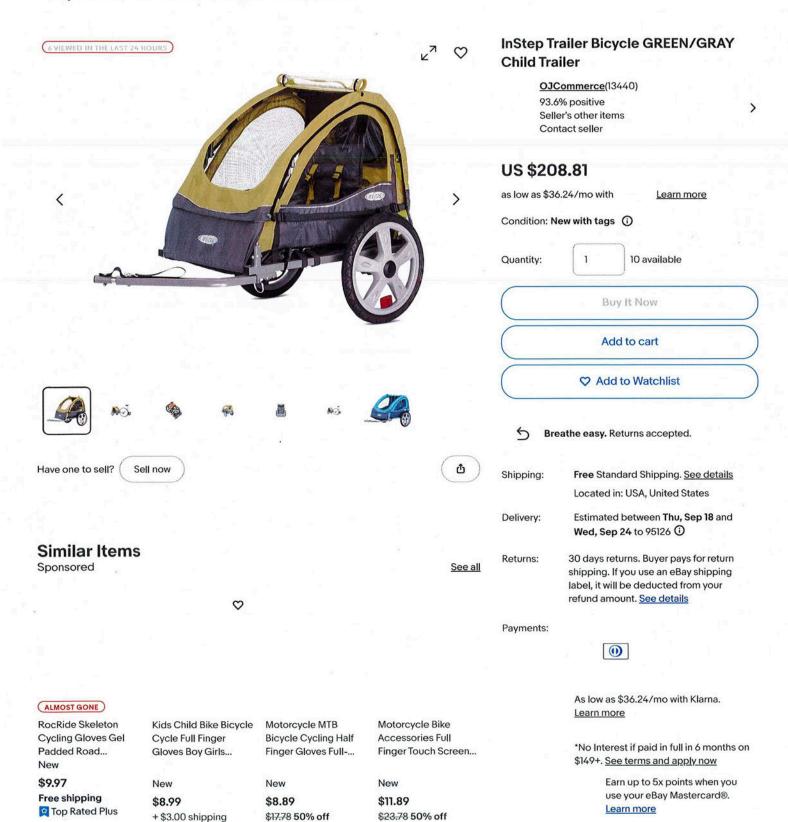


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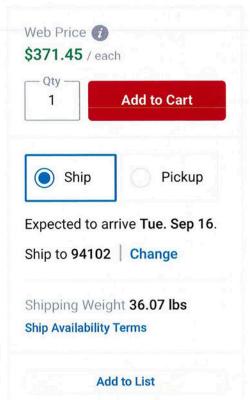
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Item 40JD46 Mfr. Model 40JD46



### **Product Details**

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### Brand WESTWARD

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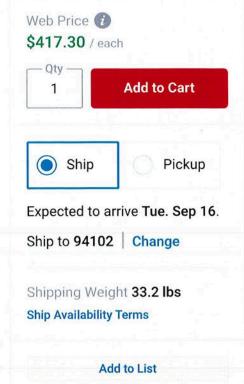
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WESTWARD Socket Set: 3/8 in, 1/2 in Drive, 127 Piece, 12-Point/6-Point, Metric/SAE

Item 53PN74 Mfr. Model 53PN74



### **Product Details**

Catalog Page N/A

Brand WESTWARD

Deep Socket Style/Size

Deep 12-Point: 11/16 in, 3/4 in, 13/16 in, 7/8 in, 15/16 in, 1 in, 19 mm, 20 mm, 21 mm, 22 mm, 23 mm, 24 mm, 25 mm, 26 mm, 27 mm; Deep 6-Point: 7/16 in, 1/2 in, 9/16 in, 5/8 in, 10 mm, 11 mm, 12 mm, 13 mm, 14 mm, 15 mm, 16 mm, 17 mm, 18 mm, 19 mm

Flex Socket Count/Style None

Drive Type Hand

Finish Chrome

Impact Rated Not Impact Rated

Insulated Not Insulated

Measurement Type SAE; Metric

Includes Socket Bits Socket Bits Included

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Container Type Case

Number of Pieces 127

Socket Shape 12-Point; 6-Point

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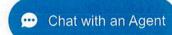


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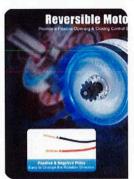
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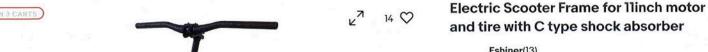
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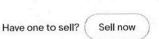
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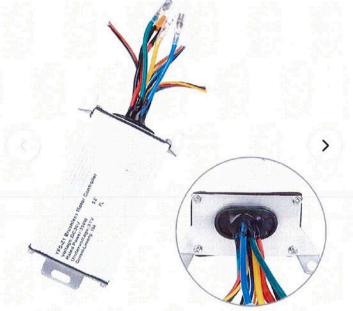
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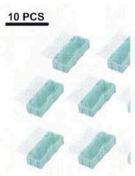
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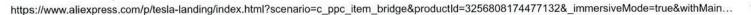


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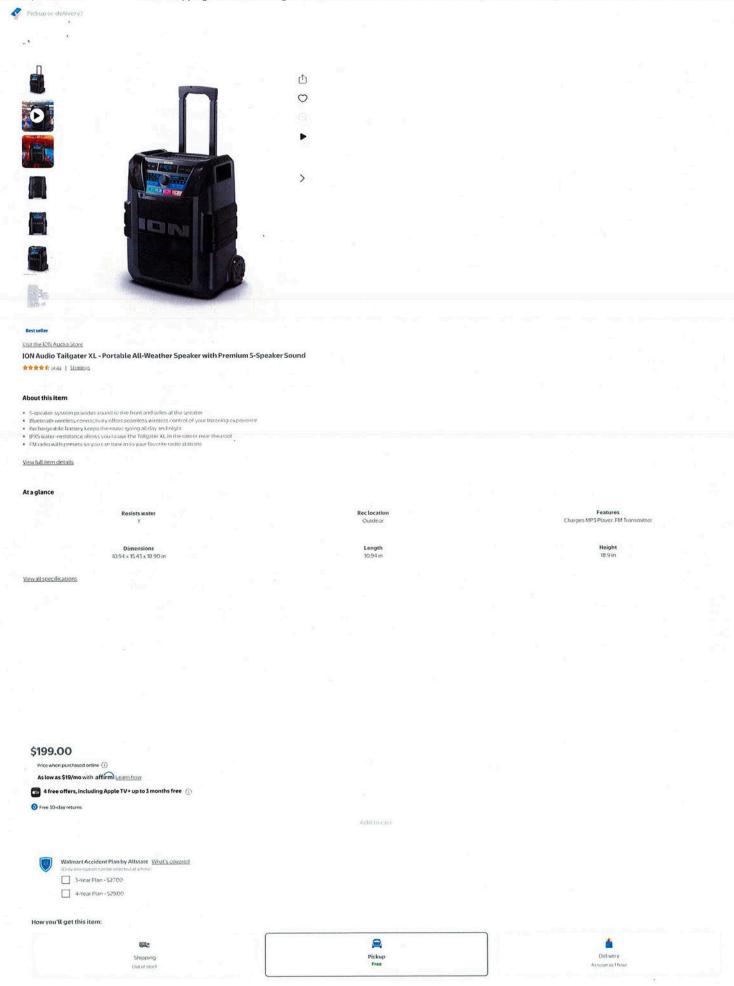
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### CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF SAN JOSE, CA

(For Damages to Persons or Personal Property)

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### I, Ramon Aguilar, declare:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this document, and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently.

### Background

I am and have been homeless for a few years trying to do the best I possibly can to survive. I enjoy going to Neighborhood Hands to help the community and be around other community organizations that will help me to push towards stabilization.

### Location

In August of 2024 my 2012 Dodge Ram, which contained several valuable belongings, was towed around West Hedding (right near the unemployment office).

### Notice From and Communication With City or Agency Prior to Enforcement Action

No notice was given before my truck was towed.

### Day of Enforcement Action

During sometime in August of 2024 I had parked my 2012 Dodge Ram in front of a restaurant located around West Hedding (near the unemployment office). Even though my car was parked in an area with no signs warning of the possibility of a tow, when I came out I saw there was a tow truck and police officers in front of my car. My car was towed by the Morris and Sons and sold within two weeks of the car being towed. I received no information from the City or the tow yard about how to get my car or property. A few months later I received a number to call from a BeautifySJ employee to get an update about my car. I got no information about how to get information about my car or how to get it back from the City before that time. When I finally got the information those months later, I called the number but was never able to receive any information about my car or property. I received no notice or compensation for my car being sold.

I bought my 2012 Dodge Ram in early 2020 for \$3,000 directly from the previous owner. My car was registered to me, but did have expired tags from 2016. At the time my car was towed, the car was operable and I was working with Home First to pay the registration fees. The car was almost ready to be registered and I was waiting on a smog check.

When my car was towed and sold, I lost several valuable items. These items include my mother's necklace and ring, my class ring, important paperwork, 10 Head tennis rackets (valued at \$200 each), power tools (Ryobi chargeable saw, drill, a compact drill), Dewalt generator, and various clothes and tennis shoes.

### **Description of Property Seized**

See attachment for itemized list

### Harm Caused From City's Actions

To this day I do not have a car and now I no longer have a bike; the City has destroyed all of my modes of transportation. Not only did the City tow my car without notice, but I did not receive notice of my car being sold, or any possible extra proceeds from the car being sold.

In addition to taking away my mobility, the City has destroyed the only safe place that I called home. I had a comfortable setup that kept me safe from sleeping outside, gave me a safe location to leave my belongings and saved me from sleeping on the street. I am very distressed by the loss of my home and do not have anywhere else safe to sleep.

The City has also taken away one of my sources of income. I used the expensive tennis rackets in my car to teach tennis lessons and cannot afford to replace those rackets and the tools for living.

Finally, in addition to the emotional distress of having my car and home taken from me, the City took valuable items that cannot be replaced, including my mother's necklace and ring and my class ring.

I called the City so many times after they took my car to find out anything I could do about it, and I never got any answer from a human on the phone to ask them questions. I never knew this entire time that I even had any opportunity to file an administrative claim against the city until working with the Unhoused Advocacy Clinic to learn about my rights. Whenever I talked to people from the City that I talked to out in encampments after that, they told me that I could not file anything against the city because I had no claim because they were allowed to sell my car and not tell me about it or give me fair compensation.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Jose, CA on September 20, 2025.

Printed Name: Ramon Aguilar

# ITEMIZED DAMAGES FOR DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CLAIM UNDER \$12,500

Date of Incident: August, 2024 Na

Name of Claimant: Ramon Aguilar

How you estimated the value of the Grainger Industries website Home Depot website Home Depot website Tennis Ware website Walmart website ULINE website \$200/each = \$1200 The reasonable cost to replace the item \$150 8900 \$300 \$150 880 Condition at the time (New, Lightly used; Damaged but usable; or of the Incident Not Usable) Lightly used Lightly used Lightly used Lightly used Lightly used Lightly used Dewalt generator (gas powered: 8125/6500 watt) 10 Head tennis rackets (valued at \$200 each) Description of the item Various clothes and tennis shoes DeWalt chargeable drill (12V) Milwaukee compact drill Ryobi chargeable saw

For each item that cannot be replaced (for example, because it has sentimental value), describe the item and explain why the item is valuable to you and what value you claim for it.

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### 1. Class ring:

- achievement: the successful completion of my education and the perseverance it took to graduate. The ring bears my school name a. My high school class ring holds deep personal importance to me, far beyond its material value. It represents a milestone and graduating year, making it a unique and irreplaceable record of my personal history.
- Since becoming homeless and losing both my home and my vehicle, this ring has taken on even greater meaning. It is one of the few friends. In the absence of a permanent address or many personal possessions, the ring serves as a constant reminder of who I am, the challenges I have overcome, and my continued worth and identity despite my current hardships. I am requesting \$500 for this loss. tangible connections I have left to a time when my life was stable, when I belonged to a community of classmates, teachers, and Ь.

## 2. Important paperwork:

The documents stored in my vehicle, including identification, Social Security card, medical and legal records—are essential for my survival and ability to access services. As someone without a permanent home, these papers are often the only proof of my identity and are required for housing, employment, medical care, and government benefits. Losing them with the seizure of my car has created significant obstacles to rebuilding stability and accessing basic necessities. I am requesting \$200 for this loss.

	(value of items taken)	\$ 2,780
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TOTAL SUM OF DAMAGES



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Amount claimed as of this date:  Estimated amount of future costs:	\$ TBD
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	Claimant's Signature

### I, Melvin Cuc, declare:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this document, and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently.

### Background

I was born on and I am I I first became homeless in 2020 after losing my job during the COVID pandemic, and again in 2024 I lost housing and remain unhoused today. I have recently entered a new shelter, but the instability of living without housing has left me with severe anxiety that affects me every day.

I love animals deeply. In June this year, I was forced to give away my five calico kittens because I was worried I could not care for them properly while unhoused. Making that choice was heartbreaking, but I felt I had no other option if I wanted them to survive.

I try to find work as a gardener when opportunities arise, and I am hopeful I can begin working again in October. For now, I receive some help from Catholic Charities while I continue searching for steady employment.

### Location

I lived at Columbus Park for about a year before the City destroyed all of my property. Columbus Park was where I had built some measure of stability and community while trying to get back on my feet.

### Notice From and Communication with City or Agency Prior to Enforcement Action

On or around August 11 or August 12, HomeFirst gave me a paper and sticker for my tent. That notice said that the City could not remove or destroy my belongings before September 4. Because of that written assurance, I believed that my property was safe and that I could keep my belongings protected until that date.

Despite this, in the days between receiving that sticker and going to the hospital, I personally saw City employees and Tucker Construction employees taking stickers off other people's tents when no one was around, and then immediately throwing their belongings into trash compactors for destruction. Watching this happen made me fearful for my own property and uncertain if the City would honor its word.

### **Day of Enforcement Action**

On August 14, I was admitted to the hospital and remained there for 18 days. I was discharged on August 31. When I returned from the hospital that night, I discovered that all of my property had been taken and destroyed during the encampment sweep. This happened even though I had a valid notice from HomeFirst that explicitly stated my belongings could not be removed or destroyed until September 4.

### Description of Property Seized (see attachment for itemized list)

The City took and destroyed nearly everything I owned, including:

- Medicine I had just received from the Mobile Clinic on August 13, including antibiotics and paperwork on how to continue treatment
- Identification documents and cards
- Four winter sweaters and four pairs of winter pants, which are critical because my arthritis requires me to stay warm
- Other clothing and cold-weather gear
- My flashlight
- Dry, non-perishable food
- My tent, which was my only shelter
- Cellphone chargers and a power bank
- My bicycle, my only mode of transportation

### Harm Caused From City's Actions

When I was released from the hospital after nearly three weeks, I returned to find that I had nothing left, there was no home, no clothes, no medication, and no way to prepare even a simple meal for myself. The loss left me devastated. During my interview, I began to cry because of the pain of coming back from the hospital only to face total emptiness and the destruction of everything I had managed to hold on to.

My winter clothing was essential because of my arthritis. Losing it has caused me physical suffering and left me exposed to the cold. My medications were irreplaceable and necessary for my health. My identification cards are crucial for accessing services, work, and medical care. My tent and bicycle were vital to my survival.

I tried to recover my property. On September 4, after moving into a shelter, I called the Beautify SJ number listed for property retrieval. I called multiple times throughout the week, but no one ever answered or returned my calls. I was given no way to speak to anyone about my property. The City not only destroyed what I had, but also denied me any process or opportunity to reclaim it.

The City's actions have left me with nothing. They erased my home, my belongings, and the few resources that allowed me to survive day-to-day. The harm is lasting in the physical loss of my

property and in the profound emotional impact of being treated as though my life and my belongings had no value.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Jose, California on September 22, 2025.

Printed Name: Melvin Cuc

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### ITEMIZED DAMAGES FOR DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CLAIM UNDER \$12,500

Date of Incident: August 31, 2025 Name of Claimant: Melvin Cuc

Description of the item	Condition at the time of the Incident (New, Lightly used; Damaged but usable; or Not Usable)	The reasonable cost to replace the item	How you estimated the value of the item
6 man Tent (shelter)	Lightly Used	\$150	REI website
Bicycle	Lightly Used and fully assembled	\$300	Walmart website
Winter clothing	New	\$300	Walmart website
Nonperishable food (including countless items of canned goods, soups, and boxed items of rice, macaroni and cheese, etc)	Lightly Used	\$200	Walmart website
Flashlight, chargers, and powerbank	Lightly Used	\$100	Walmart website

TOTAL SPECIAL DAMAGES (value of items taken)		<u>\$</u>	1,150
GENERAL DAMAGES Emotional Distress		<u>\$</u>	3,000
TOTAL SUM OF DAMAGES		\$	4,450