
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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Subject: California Room

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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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From: PRCLiaison <[REDACTED]>
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From: Ric Ferras <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 8:28 AM
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.

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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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From: Jana Madrid <[REDACTED]>
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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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 1:40 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Public Comment: 2026-27 Operating Budget Hearing

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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]>
Date Wed 5/13/2026 2:38 PM
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 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

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

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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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From: Marguerite Cardinal <[REDACTED]>
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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

Lifelong East San Josean

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

[Redacted]

Thank you for your consideration.

Marguerite Cardinal

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Additional Budget Session Public Comment

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Cc CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>

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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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San José, CA 95113-1905
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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

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Thu 5/14/2026 4:12 PM

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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

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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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.

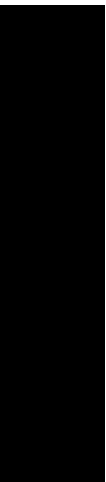
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Sincerely,

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Fw: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 5/15/2026 3:39 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Jiro Saito <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 3:36 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

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

Sincerely,

Jiro and Ann Michiyo Saito
District 9

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FW: California Room

From Opsal, Matthew <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 5/15/2026 3:48 PM
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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From: Katie Hahn née Santos <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, May 15, 2026 at 3:39 PM
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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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Fw: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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FW: California Room Library Department Budget

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: cllgene <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 4:44 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
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Sincerely,

Christine Lutke

FW: History Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 5/18/2026 7:35 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Jim Carter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2026 6:45 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
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Jlm Carter

Born and raised in San Jose D6

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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 5/18/2026 7:39 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Alli Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2026 12:29 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maquire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District3
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: California Room

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Hi,

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FW: Arcadia Park

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 5/18/2026 7:39 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Theresa Gripton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2026 7:38 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Arcadia Park

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

Cc CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you,
-matt

Matt Opsal

Senior Executive Analyst | City Manager's Office

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Terry Gripton

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FW: Invest in our future: Save Little Learners Program

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 5/19/2026 7:28 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Chethan N Murthy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2026 11:58 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Invest in our future: Save Little Learners Program

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Respected Representative of the City of San Jose,

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining and continuing the Little Learners program in our community.

Early childhood programs like Little Learners play a critical role in shaping not only a child's academic foundation but also their social and emotional development. At a preschool age, children begin to learn how to interact with peers, share, communicate, and navigate group environments. These early social experiences are essential in building confidence, empathy, and cooperation—skills that are just as important as reading and math in long-term success.

Beyond academics, exposure to structured social settings at a young age helps children develop a sense of belonging and community. It teaches them how to respect others, follow shared norms, and resolve conflicts constructively. These are the building blocks of becoming socially and morally responsible individuals later in life.

Investing in early learning programs is not just beneficial for individual families—it is a responsibility of the city to foster a strong, educated, and connected community. Programs like Little Learners help ensure that all children, regardless of background, have access to early developmental opportunities that set them up for future success in school and society. In the long run, this contributes to a more engaged, productive, and responsible population.

Discontinuing such programs risks widening educational and social gaps at a stage when early intervention is most impactful. Keeping Little Learners active demonstrates a commitment to the well-being of families and to the future of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our city. I strongly urge you to support and preserve the Little Learners program. Hoping you will put your best effort in that direction.

Sincerely,
Chethan

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Fw: Support for Camden San José Recreation Preschool Program - Please Do Not Cancel

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

Date Tue 5/19/2026 8:52 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2026 1:49 PM

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

Subject: Fw: Support for Camden San José Recreation Preschool Program - Please Do Not Cancel

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From: Julietta Savina <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2026 1:38 PM

To: District9 <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support for Camden San José Recreation Preschool Program - Please Do Not Cancel

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Dear Vice Mayor Foley and City Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to you as a resident of San José to share how important the Camden Recreation Preschool Program is to our community, and to kindly ask for your support in keeping it open.

My son Michael attends this program, and it has been a wonderful experience for our family. The program is located so close to our home, which makes it incredibly convenient for our daily routine. Furthermore, the tuition is truly affordable, and the teachers are incredibly warm and dedicated. Michael absolutely loves them and looks forward to going there every day.

Our family is so grateful to have such a high-quality, accessible, and conveniently located program in our neighborhood. I sincerely hope the City Council will consider the positive impact it has on our children and find a way to continue its funding.

Thank you very much for your time, your leadership, and your dedication to supporting local families.

Sincerely,

Yulia

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

From Opsal, Matthew <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 5/19/2026 11:09 AM
To City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>
Cc CMOAgendaServices <[REDACTED]>

Good morning City Clerk, Agenda Desk,
Please find public comment below related to the May 11 City Council Budget Session.

Thank you,
-matt

Matt Opsal
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Domingo <[REDACTED]>
Subject: May 11th: Agenda Item - Neighborhood Services Budget Study Session

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

I am writing as a participant in the City-managed adult slow pitch softball league at Arcadia Ballpark to oppose the proposed FY2026-27 budget changes that would eliminate the facility's dedicated on-site staff and end the city-run league program.

I appreciated Councilmember Candelas' engagement during yesterday's Budget Study Session and his focus on ensuring youth baseball remains a priority under the new model. That priority is well-placed. But the proposed transition raises serious concerns that go beyond youth programming.

The private adult league market is not a reliable safety net. The local adult slow pitch league has changed operators three times in roughly ten years, from Dynamic Sports to ZOG to Volo. Volo currently charges approximately \$1,100 per team for 6 guaranteed games and Twin Creeks charges around \$1,400 for 8 games. The city-managed league at Arcadia costs \$900 for 10 guaranteed games. That is not a comparable alternative, and unlike a city-managed program, there is nothing requiring a private operator to stay.

Public options are disappearing. Sunnyvale no longer offers adult softball. Palo Alto has been unable to staff a league for several seasons. Columbus Park, another Measure-funded facility, is losing its softball fields in its redesign. Arcadia is one of the last remaining publicly managed options for adult slow pitch in the South Bay.

The maintenance commitment needs to be formalized. The Parks and Recreation Director indicated that additional resources could be directed to Arcadia under the new model. A verbal commitment made during a budget study session is not a policy commitment. Deferred maintenance at a heavily used multi-field facility is a safety and liability issue for the City, not just a quality concern.

The City's own cost recovery policy supports keeping this program. Arcadia is classified as a Category 2 facility, meaning it is not required to fully recover its costs through fees. That classification exists for facilities that provide broad community access where affordable alternatives do not exist. The proposed change eliminates a program the City's own policy says it does not need to fully fund.

Low attendance at the budget study session does not reflect low community interest. Budget study sessions are held on weekday mornings when most working adults and parents cannot attend. California's SB 707, signed into law in October 2025, will require the City to provide two-way audiovisual access to all public meetings starting July 1, 2026, but that requirement does not take effect until after this budget process concludes. In the meantime, the community has found other ways to be heard. Arcadia supporters have submitted public comments in numbers that exceed those who spoke up for the California Room. The absence of bodies in seats on a Tuesday morning is not silence.


We ask the Mayor and City Council to reject this proposal and preserve Arcadia's current operating model. 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
Sent from my iPhone

FW: Funding for CA Room, MLK, Jr. Library

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 5/19/2026 7:28 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Kathleen Muller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2026 6:34 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maquire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill
<[REDACTED]> District9 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Funding for CA Room, MLK, Jr. Library

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Please see attached letter in support of full funding for the California Room, MLK, Jr. Library

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May 18, 2026

Dear Mayor Mahan & Members of the City Council:

There are many things that make a city great and communities attractive for residents. These things go beyond being “the safest” in the state or the nation, and include parks, museums, and libraries that enrich all of our lives.

I have lived in San Jose all my adult life, raised my children here, and my family has thrived. The California Room at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library – in fact our city’s entire library system -- is one of the things that make me proud to say I am a resident of San Jose.

I have the privilege of volunteering at my high school alma mater, Notre Dame High School at 596. S. Second Street. This year Notre Dame -- the oldest educational institution for women in the western United States -- is celebrating its 175th anniversary in San Jose. Current students, during summer school and in fall 2026, are participating in developing an exhibit for the public on the history and legacy of Notre Dame. In support of this, California Room librarian Michael Lara has welcomed ND students to visit, learn how and why historical materials are preserved, and explore documents and photographs in the collections that relate to the school’s history in downtown San Jose. This is a priceless educational experience, and an example of what a benefit trained librarians are to our citizens.

As you develop the city’s operating budget for next year, I know you will be making many difficult decisions. But the California Room is an incredibly important public resource for historians, authors, property owners, and engaged citizens in their businesses and hobbies. I hope you will prioritize staffing at the California Room as something that must be funded for the good of our citizens. It represents such a small percentage of the library budget and overall city budget, and yet it’s one of the things that make our city special.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Muller
Resident, District 9

Fw: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Programs

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 5/20/2026 5:05 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

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From: Cindy Giardina <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 4:59 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District 6
<[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 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,
Cindy Giardina

District 6

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FW: Count my vote - KEEP THE CALIFORNIA ROOM

From Opsal, Matthew <[redacted]>
Date Thu 5/21/2026 11:56 AM
To City Clerk <[redacted]> Agendadesk <[redacted]>
Cc CMOAgendaServices <[redacted]>

Good morning City Clerk, Agenda Desk,
Please find public comment below regarding the California Room related to the recent City Council budget discussions.

Thank you,
-matt

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From: Amy Rabinovitz <[redacted]>
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[redacted]> Bourne, Jill <[redacted]>
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Cc: Fred Gertler <[redacted]>
Subject: Count my vote - KEEP THE CALIFORNIA ROOM

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So you want to close the California Room at the Martin Luther King, Jr Library and so restrict its regular public access? My vote is KEEP IT OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE. It's a foundational service that is best supplied to citizens by the city. I've visited/used it a half dozen times and each time it served an important role in a project I was involved in and/or left me better informed as a resident.

This is the type of issue voters notice, (and remember at the polls). Apparently by burying this on page 618 of the budget someone believes "no one will notice." Well, some of us DO NOTICE and we DO VOTE.

Mr Mayor, Madame Librarian, and Michael Mulcahy (my council member): you should be leading the way to keep this access available, encouraging its use and its place in our community.

Amy Rabinovitz
resident/home owner - District 6

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FW: Support Continued Funding for the California Room in the 2026–27 Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Thu 5/21/2026 12:59 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Kerry Perkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 12:54 PM
Subject: Support Continued Funding for the California Room in the 2026–27 Budget

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Dear Mayor and Honorable Members of the City Council,

I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 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 the Santa Clara Valley through an irreplaceable collection of books, photographs, maps, archives, newspapers, and historical records. This invaluable public resource serves thousands of students, educators, researchers, historians, museum professionals, genealogists, and community members every year.

The California Room is far more than an archive—it is one of the few places in our region where anyone can seek expert guidance and meaningful access to the cultural and historical resources that tell the story of our valley.

The California Room plays a critical role in safeguarding and sharing our collective civic memory.

As a museum professional, I know firsthand how essential the California Room is to historical research and interpretation. Museums, nonprofits, educators, and preservation advocates rely on its collections and knowledgeable staff to develop exhibits, conduct research, answer public inquiries, and deepen public understanding of local history. Without this resource, many organizations—and the communities we serve—will lose access to information that simply cannot be replicated elsewhere.

Closing or reducing access to this invaluable resource to save just 0.6% of the overall City Library budget would be a devastating and short-sighted decision, particularly as San José prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2027. At a moment when we should be investing in understanding and sharing our community's history, eliminating access to one of the region's most important historical resources sends the wrong message about how we value cultural heritage, education, and civic identity.

I respectfully 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 for generations to come.

Regards,
Kerry Perkins



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Fw: SAVE the California Room

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As San José prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday in 2027, the loss of its preeminent public history repository would represent a profound civic failure. The proposed closure would save the City a mere \$388,000-- just 0.6% of the total library budget and only 0.007% of the total City budget! The proposal to close direct access to the California Room will set in motion a long term change that will be difficult for the Library Department to reverse. We urge you to reach out to Mayor Matt Mahan, City Manager Jennifer Maguire, City Librarian Jill Bourne, and your City Council representatives before City Council's final budget vote on June 9th. Speak out now to save the California Room!

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To: [Agendadesk](#)
Subject: Fw: California Room - Library Department Budget
Date: Friday, May 22, 2026 8:12:54 AM

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Sincerely,
Shawn T

From: City Clerk
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 8:13 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: Fw: California Room - Library Department Budget

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Sincerely,
Tommy Lopez

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 8:36 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: Fw: California Room - Library Department Budget
Attachments: SJC history article.pdf

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As a doner of historical material, I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 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. For example, the California Room's clipping files were helpful when I was researching the attached article on SJC.

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.

Bill Hough
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The First Decades of San Jose International

by Bill Hough and Ben Wang



SJC's first airline was Southwest Airways, a predecessor to Pacific, Hughes Airwest, Republic and Northwest. Northwest was acquired by Delta, which would operate the final flights into Terminal C in 2010. In this view, taken shortly after the airport opened, one of the carrier's DC-3s boards passengers at SJC's original terminal, located at the southeastern edge of the field. (SJC)

Airliners' July/August issue recanted the celebration story of the Terminal B opening at San Jose California's International Airport (SJC). What was not noted was that a historic link to aviation's past was cut by the simultaneous closing of Terminal C, where generations of passengers walked across the ramp to board their aircraft via air-stairs. Aviation enthusiasts loved this arrangement; others felt it was outdated and inappropriate for Silicon Valley; after all, this was the capital of the high tech world. We too applaud SJC infrastructure upgrades for the 21st Century, but now in the *Airliners* tradition, we take a fond look back at the development of the South Bay Area's air terminal.

Getting Started

Aviation interest in San Jose dates back to the late 1930s, when several civic-minded individuals, including Norman Breeden and Ernest H. Renzel, Jr., began planning for a municipal airport for San Jose. All civic projects need a committee and dedicated funds and San Jose was no exception. Renzel's Citizen's Airport Committee was born. It identified a 483-acre site between Brokaw and Newhall Roads and in May 1940, persuaded voters to pass a parcel tax to pay for the land. The city began buying land for the airport, although World War II and bureaucratic delays delayed construction until after the war.

The first aviation activity at the site

began in 1946, when test pilot James M. Nissen leased 16 acres from the city for his flight school. Nissen later improved his primitive runway but the facility was still unacceptable for commercial use. Renzel, then a city councilmember, appointed James Nissen to become the airport's first manager.

As airport manager, James Nissen began improvements to the airport site immediately. Paving work began in the late 1940s, with construction on Runway 12-30 starting in August 1948. A small terminal was built at the south end of the field and the official dedication took place on February 1, 1949, when Southwest Airways (no relation to today's Southwest Airlines) inaugurated

scheduled DC-3 flights. Only 2,550 baby chickens got off that first flight. The seven passengers remained on-board continuing their multi-stop trip between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Later that year, the airport celebrated Admission Day, which commemorates California's admission to the Union as a free state after being ceded to the United States by Mexico. Many aircraft flew in for the event, including a pair of Mexican DC-3s that brought the University of Mexico's football team to San Jose.

As the airport was under construction, the city was planning for the future. In June 1948, the City of San Jose Department of Public Works released an "Ultimate Development Plan." It featured two parallel 12-30 runways, 9,300 and 8,500 feet in length, one 5,250 foot cross runway, and a new terminal. This plan involved the airport expanding north, which required an agreement with the neighboring city of Santa Clara. In May 1956, both San Jose and Santa Clara implemented a land swap that

allowed the airport to expand with the help of Federal aid.

In June 1957, a new control tower was dedicated with Civil Aviation Authority (now FAA) air traffic control beginning later that year.

On November 14, 1959, the city obtained a FAA grant of \$602,514 to build a 4,419-foot Runway 12L-30R. The existing runway was re-designated 12R-30L and lengthened from 4,400 to 6,300 feet. By 1961, Runway 12R-30L was 7,000 feet long with a 1,500 foot displaced threshold at the south end.

The Airlines Arrive

Meanwhile, Southwest Airways, by then renamed Pacific Air Lines, began nonstop flights to Los Angeles using Fokker F-27 Friendship turboprops on July 1, 1959. To accommodate additional air travel, the City developed plans for a new terminal, which was paid for by bonds approved in 1961. The new terminal, designed by local architect Hollis Logue, Jr. to handle 750,000 passengers per year, opened in September 1965.

Pacific Air Lines, which was operating six daily F-27s to Southern California, was the first tenant. At the new Terminal's opening, however, Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) brought in a 727-100 to fly sightseeing flights. These flights were quite popular and PSA began SJC-LAX service the following year, charging \$13.50 to fly to Los Angeles or Burbank. A new intrastate carrier, Air California, introduced service in October 1967, with United and Western inaugurating service in 1968 and 1970, respectively. Smaller airlines flying into San Jose during this time included Holiday, Valley, Golden Pacific, Golden West, Skymark and SFO Helicopter Airlines.

Late 60s and 70s Growth

To accommodate the growth in airline service, Runway 12R-30L, then 8,900 feet long, was overlaid in 1968 to handle 300,000-pound wheel loads. In addition to the two main runways, a third runway, 11-29, was built on the west side of the airport. Originally a 3,000x60-foot



In 1948, airport staff posed in front of "San Jose City Airport's" first terminal building. James Nissen, the city's first airport manager, is seated in the front row, far right. (SJC)



When Southwest Airways began serving SJC in 1948, this terminal at the southern end of the field was sufficient to handle the airport's commercial flights. After commercial operations moved to the 1965-built terminal, the old terminal became a general aviation terminal until being demolished to make way for the extension of Runway 12L-30R in the early 2000s. The building is seen here in 1974, with an Air California 737 on approach to Runway 30L visible in the distance. (SJC)

"touch and go" strip, it is now 4,600 feet long and serves smaller general aviation, business and corporate aircraft.

SJC expanded the terminal on August 6, 1969, when a southern extension, with six aircraft gates, was completed. In June 1971, SJC opened a northern extension of the ticketing area with two additional boarding areas that would become the building's last permanent addition. This coincided with an "Air Transportation Exposition" featuring sightseeing flights on PSA, Air California and Golden West, movies aboard a parked Western 707 and a United 747 on static display. An estimated 45,000 visitors attended the event.

Various concepts for a new airport in the North San Jose/Alviso area were proposed along with plans to expand SJC beyond Highway 101 and expand its passenger terminal. But the oil crisis, economic stagnation and environmental concerns put an end to these proposals.

Although none of the 1970s expansion plans came to fruition, airline service at SJC increased during that decade. Long time resident airline Pacific became Air West which in turn became Hughes Airwest. Its yellow "Top Banana" DC-9s

became a common sight at SJC. That period also saw American, Continental, Delta, TWA and, briefly, National starting service with 707 and 727 aircraft.

Deregulation and the Roaring '80s

After President Jimmy Carter signed the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, Republic Airlines acquired Hughes Airwest, and Alaska and America West started flying into SJC. Several short-lived startup airlines such as Pacific Express, Sunworld and Pride Air also came and went, while another little-known San Jose based startup, Air Via, never got off the ground.

In 1984 with increased service after deregulation, the City changed the airport's name to "San Jose International Airport." AirCal introduced SJC's first scheduled international flight, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada the following year. The airport was also impacted by the late 1980s merger trend as AirCal was acquired by American Airlines, Republic became part of Northwest, PSA merged into USAir and Western was acquired by Delta.

As traffic increased in the 1980s, airport staff drew up plans to build two new

terminals, which was soon changed to a single terminal that would be called "Terminal A." Construction began on September 24, 1987 and as the terminal took shape, the two airlines it was built for, PSA and AirCal, were acquired by USAir and American, respectively. In December 1988 American strengthened its SJC operations by making the city its west coast hub, which humbly started life in temporary facilities built just to the north of the 1965 Terminal, which was now renamed to "Terminal C".

Growing Nineties

USAir moved into Terminal A in February 1990. American, needing additional gate space for its then-expanding hub operation, spent \$18 million building an 8-gate add-on concourse and moved in during October 1990. In March 1991, the Dallas-based carrier introduced flights to Tokyo's Narita airport. This flight was originally operated with DC-10-30 aircraft that could not depart fully loaded from the 8,900-foot runway 12R-30L. Although American made every effort to adjust loads by off-loading cargo and maximizing fuel, on

two occasions it was necessary to depart with partial fuel requiring a stop at nearby Oakland International Airport to top off. Once American introduced the MD-11 on this flight, and the airport extended Runway 12R-30L to 10,200 feet, the service settled down into a routine. Ultimately, the MD-11s were replaced by 777-200s which covered the flights until they were discontinued in 2006.

Despite the extended runway and new terminal, American was unable to make money at the SJC hub. As a result, in 1992, American began to reduce its SJC operation by eliminating many short-haul routes. In July 1993, new upstart carrier Reno Air started service at SJC leading the way to a joint American/Reno Air hub operation with Reno subleasing seven AA gates.

On June 1, 1993, low-cost carrier Southwest Airlines started service from SJC to three cities. During the 1990s, both Southwest and Reno Air built large networks of west coast flights, filling the voids left when USAir dropped the former PSA network and American/ American Eagle reduced service on former AirCal routes. Today, Southwest Airlines is the largest carrier at SJC, with 475 weekly flights providing nonstop service to 13 destinations.

As traffic increased during the 1990s, a new \$3.3 million air traffic control tower was built on the west side of the field, which opened in June 1994. In 1999, history repeated itself when American Airlines acquired Reno Air.

2000 and Beyond

Riding on the wave of the Silicon Valley “dot com” boom, American had a resurgence of service at SJC in 2000 and 2001, building a vast west coast network, transcontinental and Hawaii service, and new International Flagship service to Paris, France and Taipei, Taiwan. American’s expansion coincided with SJC’s peak passenger volume during 2000 and 2001, when the airport handled 13.1 million passengers each year. Unfortunately, the airport’s traffic growth ended with the September 11th terrorist attacks. American scaled back its operation and the airport’s overall traffic fell to around 11 million passengers per year for 2002, holding steady at around that level until 2007. Then in 2008, with the economic recession, passenger traffic dropped to 9.7 million. In 2009, with the recession in full swing and business travel down, SJC saw only 8.3 million passengers per year.

In spite of the recent decline in passengers, the airport is well-positioned for the future. The 2001 extension of Runway 12L-30R to 11,000 feet reduced departure delays by separating arrivals and departures onto parallel runways. Passenger

When SJC opened its terminal in 1965, Pacific Air Lines was the only carrier serving the city. This mid-1960s timetable advertisement highlights the airline’s six F-27 flights from SJC to Southern California. (Pacific Air Lines)



In August 1969, the airport opened a new six-gate extension on the south end of the terminal. Four months later, passengers board a PSA 727-200 flight as an Air California 737 headed for Southern California taxis away. A United DC-8 is parked at Gate 5. (SJC)

accommodations improved significantly in 2009/2010 when Terminal A, which had become cramped and outdated, was completely refurbished and the new Terminal B opened. Unfortunately, this meant that the historic Terminal C, which served the city since 1965, was closed and demolished. The final flights out of

Terminal C operated on June 29, 2010 with the departure of Boeing 737-800 N387DA, operating Delta flight 1684 to Atlanta. Moments later, Airbus A320 N321US, operating Delta flight 1107 from Salt Lake City, was the last aircraft to arrive at the old facility. However, with its modern facilities, SJC has the

infrastructure to serve the people of Santa Clara County for now and the foreseeable future. ✈

The authors would like to thank Tracy Bryant for her assistance with the historic photos of Mineta San Jose International Airport.



Legendary California carrier Pacific Southwest Airlines started regular service to San Jose in 1966. Four years earlier, three of the carrier's five Lockheed L-188 Electras were captured on the southeast corner of the SJC ramp. Weather problems at SFO were likely to have caused PSA to divert to San Jose. (SJC)



The final flight at SJC's Terminal C operated on June 29, 2010. The ghost-like image was the last passenger to disembark Airbus A320 N321US (cn 262), operating Delta flight 1107 from Salt Lake City, after the aircraft arrived at the old facility, it was closed and demolished during the Summer of 2010. (Bill Hough)



A Fond Salute to SJC “My” Hometown Airport *by Jun Shidara*



Left: SJC airport banner commemorating AA's 15th anniversary of SJC-Tokyo service. (SJC Collection of Ben Wang)
Center: American Airlines MD-11 N1761R (msn/ln 48551/527) taxis to Runway 30L for departure on February 23, 1999. (Ben Wang)
Right: Jun Shidara displays his Eagle award from AA's Northern California passenger sales office (Author)

It has been a quick 19 years since American Airlines (AA) inaugurated its SJC-Tokyo/Narita (NRT) service, and 15 years-or-so since I had the privilege to spend several years in San Jose with AA. I can clearly say the days I spent in SJC have been one of my absolute highlights in the aviation/airline industry both in the U.S. as well as in Japan.

The plan to transfer me from Tokyo to SJC started when AA decided to deploy Japanese executives from its Tokyo Office to the West Coast in support of its SJC-NRT service launch. At the time I was an AA Sales & Marketing manager in Tokyo - and lucky enough to be selected for the move to our Northern California Sales Office, adjacent to SFO.

Competing with our forerunners JAL, United and Northwest for the SFO-Tokyo market was the true fun. These carriers had the historical strength of flying the route for nearly 40 years, plus they were flying 747s (United had three daily flights at one point). It was not an easy task for a newcomer, even AA, to enter and compete in that market.

We needed something of a “personal touch” to inspire the local travel industry as well as our individual customers. So we launched the plan to “Show-off what we’ve got: Using what we’ve got.”

This was accomplished by displaying our aircraft with American’s people.

The flight from NRT arrived at SJC at 08:30 six days a week, and always had a couple of hours built in prior to its return to NRT. We obtained permission from the SJC authorities to invite travel agency staff members, corporate VIPs and other guests to join us on-board. We showcased our state-of-art MD-11s from the inside out. For the AA Sales & Marketing team, “anything do-able” was seriously considered

With help from AA’s pilots and flight attendants escorting groups, we were able to repeat this tour many times. The plan turned out to be a grand success. Attendees were served First Class and Business Class in-flight meal samples. After the groups checked the aircraft and the gate area, they were often, greeted by either an airline or airport’s senior management who would also “walk-a-mile” to support our program.

By the time the first summer season was over, the recognition of “AA being a major player” was solid-as-a-rock. To this day, I still have heart-warming connections with folks I got to know and the local friendly atmosphere, which SJC was all about.

I kept myself busy promoting our MD-11s; I was also actively involved in

promoting several unique SJC American Eagle destinations to the Japanese tourism industry. This also turned out to be a great experience for me as I got to explore California from a much different perspective. American Eagle was flying Metros, Jetstreams and SAABs from Redding/Mt. Shasta to San Luis Obispo/Santa Maria. The time I spent on these routes was both fun and educational at the same time. Eventually I became a great fan of the San Luis Obispo area.

During my assignment, I earned my own wings, as a private pilot. I also have had the pleasure to make numerous flights back and forth between SJC and San Luis Obispo flying above the beautiful Central California coastline... a sight I will cherish forever.

The environment surrounding the airline industry has changed since those days. And I certainly miss the “good ol’ days,” but the joy and spirit of what I have experienced, learned and enjoyed in the Bay Area remains with me. I believe that most people when given the chance will respond positively to an honest “personal touch” approach. This holds as true today as it did for airlines of my day. These special memories are why I refer to SJC as “My” hometown airport. ✈️

FW: funding for California Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 5/26/2026 7:39 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Laurie m <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2026 9:15 PM
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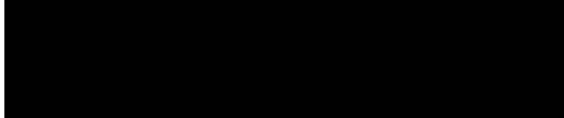
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Subject: California Room - Library Department Budget

Message:

I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 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,
Laurie Moody



FW: Funding for Library

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 5/26/2026 7:39 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 9:31 AM
To: [REDACTED] District9 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan
<[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer <[REDACTED]> City Clerk
<[REDACTED]>
Cc: Juan Diego Sasinowski <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Funding for Library

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Dear San Jose Leadership,

I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 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.

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FW: California Room Funding

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 5/26/2026 2:39 PM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Miles Asher Dorai-Raj <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 2:04 PM

Subject: California Room Funding

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To whom it may concern:

Please continue to fund the California Room at the MLK Jr. Library. It is an important tool in preserving local history--without its newspaper archives and collections of photographs and books, so much about the history of San Jose and the surrounding areas would fall into obscurity, or potentially be lost. There are so many stories that deserve to be heard in a city as diverse as this one, and so many of them can only be told through the California Room's collections. 0.6% of the Library's budget is nothing in comparison to the wealth of information the California Room holds.

The public deserves to have access to its own history, especially as we near our community's 250th anniversary. Please continue to fund the California Room, so that it can stay open and provide education well into the future.

Miles Asher Dorai-Raj

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FW: Your proposal for San Jose is a bad one

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 5/27/2026 4:56 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Joanie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:06 PM
To: Foley, Pam <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Your proposal for San Jose is a bad one

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I consider high-density 'stack and pack' housing to be Anti-Family. This packed-in housing generates more revenue per acre and reduces the city's service burden — making it a fiscal win for the city — the tradeoffs for families are nothing but negative.

These multi-family developments **Do Not** belong in single family neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations need to be active in discussing the General Plan and have a say on any decisions that may impact their neighborhoods and the quality of life.

This high density housing plan is very socialistic in nature- the individual is discarded only for the collective. Socialism is the preceding step before communism.

As property owners, we should have the right to live and thrive in a neighborhood that is not packed with high density mandates. Since when does the state and city decide what we the people want or need?

Joanie Murphy



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FW: Please save the California Room at SJPL!

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Wed 5/27/2026 9:15 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Megan Stroup Tristao <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:11 AM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1
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Subject: Please save the California Room at SJPL!

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Dear San Jose City Council and other stakeholders,

I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 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 personally have used the California Room to find photographs, maps and newspaper archives from our local history, and I know countless others who have used it as well. The California Room is one of the only local archives staffed by a professional librarian in the South Bay; without it, other libraries will not be able to step in and replace what is lost, which would be a devastating blow to our community and neighbors.

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,

Megan Stroup Tristao

FW: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Program

From: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu 5/28/2026 9:59 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: judy mine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2026 9:59 AM
To: District 6 <[REDACTED]> The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Program

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Subject: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Program

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 me. I am a retired 75 year old nurse who enjoys the educational programs, social contacts offered by YuAiKai. I also drive non-driving seniors to events.

These activities are our life line to the community. They keep us informed and as independent as citizens. 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,

Judy Mine

[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA

City of San Jose, Council District 6

FW: Dense housing

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Date Fri 5/29/2026 7:31 AM

To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Meredith Leonard <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 4:57 AM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Dense housing

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I support responsible housing growth, but I urge the Council to reject unchecked high-density development that overwhelms our neighborhoods, infrastructure, and environment.

Our city needs smart, sustainable growth that protects trees, open space, traffic safety, water resources, and the character of existing neighborhoods. Development should match the capacity of our roads, schools, utilities, and emergency services before large projects are approved.

Please prioritize balanced planning, community input, environmental protection, and housing solutions that fit the scale and needs of our community.

Growth should improve our city not diminish the quality of life for current and future residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Meredith Leonard

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FW: We must SAVE THE CALIFORNIA ROOM at MLK Library

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 5/29/2026 12:32 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Gordon Douglas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 12:31 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

I write to you as a professor and director of the Masters in Urban Planning program at San José State University, where I am also honored to serve as director of the Institute for Metropolitan Studies. I urge you to **vote to maintain funding for the California Room** at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library in the 2026–27 budget.

The California Room, like the unique library around it, is an invaluable resource and crucial part of our city's public infrastructure. As you must know, the California Room and its dedicated librarians have preserved the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley for more than a century through an irreplaceable collection of books, photographs, maps, archives, and historical records explored by thousands of students, educators, researchers, and community members every year. I, my students and colleagues have been among these users who rely on the California Room and its archives - indeed we are using it RIGHT NOW for grant-funded research about the impacts of freeways and transportation planning throughout Santa Clara County. (You can see [one incredible project](#) building on California Room archives right here.)

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. I ask you to protect the California Room, preserve public and scholarly access to our shared history, and demonstrate that San José values its cultural heritage, civic memory, and place as a center for research and innovation.

Sincerely,
Gordon Douglas, PhD
Associate Professor & MUP Program Director
Director, Institute for Metropolitan Studies
School of Planning, Policy & Environmental Studies
San José State University

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FW: Please save staffing for the California Room at the MLK Library!

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 5/29/2026 3:55 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Asha Weinstein Agrawal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 3:38 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

I write to you as a professor in the Masters in Urban Planning program at San José State University to urge you to maintain funding in the 2026–27 budget for staffing the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

The California Room, like the unique library around it, is an invaluable resource and crucial part of our city's public infrastructure. The proposed budget cuts would remove the staff positions for the California Room that make its collections accessible to the public. Staff not only keep the Room open but, even more crucially, they provide the expertise needed to help members of the public navigate the collection. Removing those positions will severely reduce the value of the California Room to our community.

The California Room and its dedicated librarians have preserved the history of San José and Santa Clara Valley for more than a century 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 a tiny fraction of the overall City Library budget would be a particularly devastating and short-sighted decision as San José prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary.

I ask you to protect the California Room, preserve public and scholarly access to our shared history, and demonstrate that San José values its cultural heritage, civic memory, and place as a center for research and innovation.

Best regards,

Asha W. Agrawal

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Asha Weinstein Agrawal, PhD ~ LinkedIn
Director of Education, Mineta Transportation Institute
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FW: California Room - Library Department Budget

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Fri 5/29/2026 11:25 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Julia Howlett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 11:06 AM
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Sincerely,

Julia Howlett, District 3

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Carolyn Donlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2026 11:54 AM
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From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/1/2026 7:35 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Norm Ishikawa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2026 11:45 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> District1 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Support Older Adult Health and Wellness Program

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My spouse and I have personally benefited from the Yu-Ai Kai lecture series offerings including Alzheimer's and Emergency 911 presentations and found they provided valuable information on these topics.

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

Sincerely,
Norman Ishikawa
Council District 1

FW: Asking for Community Investment in the budget vote

From: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon 6/1/2026 7:36 AM
To: Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Rebelliot <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2026 11:12 AM
To: District 6 <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Asking for Community Investment in the budget vote

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To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

Office of the City Clerk | City of San José

200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14th Floor

San Jose, CA 95113

Main: 408-535-1260

Fax: 408-292-6207

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From: Laura Kinoshita <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 1:43 PM

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

Cc: Dennis kinoshita <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Support Adult Health and Wellness Program in SJ

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May 29, 2026

Subject: Support Adult Health and Wellness Program in San Jose Japantown

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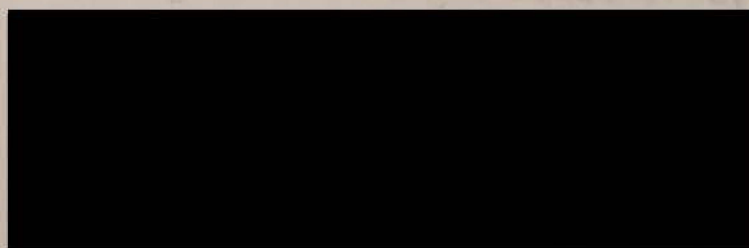
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Dennis K. Kinoshita
Laura Kinoshita



FW: June 8 2026 proposed budget; California Room revised service model

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 6/1/2026 12:30 PM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Krista Van Laan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 12:25 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: June 8 2026 proposed budget; California Room revised service model

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Council Members, and City Librarian Bourne,

I am very happy that there has been ongoing consideration to keeping the California Room open. While I would prefer to see it continue under its previous model, I would be grateful for even reduced continuation of its hours and retention of the important staffers who understand its resources as well as continuing work put into making materials available online.

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We have two major events coming up next year in which our museum-quality California Room should be playing an important part—the city's 250th anniversary and the California Preservation Foundation's 2027 conference, which is taking place in San Jose. The California Room will definitely be of interest to conference attendees and it is something we should be proud of and be able to show off.

Thanks,
Krista Van Laan
District 1



FW: Community Budget Defense

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:47 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 10:34 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]>
Cc: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Community Budget Defense

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Will Beatty

[REDACTED]

FW: In Support of California Room

From City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 6/2/2026 7:48 AM
To Agendadesk <[REDACTED]>

From: Sarah Kishler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 10:50 PM
To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <[REDACTED]> Maguire, Jennifer
<[REDACTED]> City Clerk <[REDACTED]> Bourne, Jill <[REDACTED]>
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Hello,

I am an SJPL staff member, but today I am writing to you as a San Jose resident to express my support for keeping the California Room at the MLK Library open to the public with dedicated staff. I was fortunate to listen to California Room librarian Michael Lara speak about the history of Japantown a few days ago, and his passion and knowledge is a treasure. I feel it would be such a shame to remove his expertise from the California Room. California Room staff member Ralph Pearce is another fountain of knowledge who has produced many fascinating writings about the history of San Jose. San Jose residents interested in our city's and state's history are so lucky to have them where they are, and to have the California Room open to visitors who can walk in and explore its amazing collection, with the chance to make serendipitous discoveries that could not be possible by making appointments. Being able to access the help of staff who specifically specialize in these archives is also one of the things that make the San Jose Public Library's main location stand out as truly special.

I agree with the Preservation Action Council of San Jose's statement below. Thank you for taking my thoughts and concerns into your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kishler, San Jose Resident

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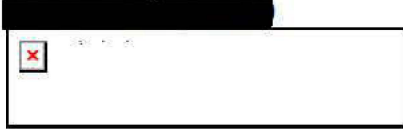
From: Eddie Truong <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 3:31 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: Fwd: City Budget - Fees & Charges
Attachments: 2026-05-28 FY26-27 Division of Gaming Fees & Charges - Signed..pdf

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Regards,

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EDDIE TRUONG
Partner
Unite Strategies LLC



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Subject: City Budget - Fees & Charges
To: Eddie Truong <[REDACTED]>

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council,

On behalf of Casino M8trix, I am writing to request that, as part of the FY 2026–2027 Budget process, the Council direct the City Manager to evaluate whether San José still needs a separate Division of Gaming Control (the only local Division of Gaming Control in the state of California). We are asking the City to consider eliminating that division, transferring Division staff to other roles as appropriate, reducing the Cardroom Regulation Fee to \$0, and updating local rules while retaining the City's authority over gaming licensing and table limits.

We believe this change would remove duplicative and redundant regulations already handled by state agencies, lower unnecessary costs for local cardrooms, support fairness for local businesses, and continue to maintain public safety and City services.

Please see the attached letter explaining our position on this issue. Should you have any questions about our advocacy position, you may reach Eddie Truong at [REDACTED]

Regards,

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May 28, 2026

Mayor Matt Mahan and Members of the City Council
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Re: FY 2026-2027 Fees and Charges: Division of Gaming
Control and Cardroom Regulation Fee

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers:

We respectfully urge the City Council, as part of its review of the FY 2026-2027 Budget and Proposed Fees and Charges, to further evaluate the need to continue the San José Police Department's Division of Gaming Control and, if the Division's remaining functions can be eliminated, absorbed, or reassigned without reducing public safety, to reduce the Cardroom Regulation Fee to \$0 per cardroom per year.

Casino M8trix recognizes and respects the City's responsibility to protect the public, enforce the law, and ensure that legal gaming is conducted appropriately. We have also appreciated the City's recent willingness to review local gaming regulations and reduce duplicative burdens where appropriate. That said, we believe the record already before the Council supports further reform.

The Division's recurring work appears to be primarily administrative and regulatory, including background reviews, licensing support, work permits, audits, internal-control reviews, surveillance compliance, and related reporting. These functions are not core police services in the same way as patrol, investigation of criminal conduct, emergency response, or enforcement against illegal gaming. To the extent that criminal conduct or illegal gaming requires law-enforcement action, that responsibility should remain with appropriate law-enforcement personnel and state regulators. However, a separate local compliance division funded by a substantial annual fee from two businesses is increasingly difficult to justify, when many of its functions overlap significantly or entirely with those already performed by the CGCC and BGC.

We recognize that California law permits, and in certain respects requires, local jurisdictions to maintain cardroom ordinances addressing matters such as location, hours, wagering limits, patron safety, local permits, and enforcement against illegal gaming. We are not asking the City to abandon those core municipal functions. The issue is narrower: San José continues to fund and maintain a dedicated Division of Gaming Control within SJPD that performs broad regulatory oversight functions already carried out by the California Gambling Control Commission



("CGCC") and the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control ("BGC"). Other jurisdictions commonly regulate cardrooms through local licensing, table limits, police inspection authority, and ordinary law enforcement mechanisms. San José's model is materially different because it imposes a large annual regulatory fee to support a specialized local oversight apparatus that duplicates the State's comprehensive regulatory system.

California maintains a comprehensive gaming regulatory framework. The CGCC and BGC regulate cardrooms, licensing, suitability, disciplinary matters, gaming rules, audits, investigations, enforcement, and related compliance matters. Maintaining a parallel San José division adds cost and administrative burden without a clear public-safety benefit.

This change would also advance fiscal discipline and business fairness. San José voters approved Measure H, which included both increased cardroom taxes and additional gaming tables. However, the CGCC twice declined to approve these new tables, finding that the City's drafting of Measure H's language was not compliant with state law. As a result, San José's cardrooms have been paying millions in higher taxes without receiving the additional tables that were a central component of the measure and the opportunity to generate additional revenue.

Casino M8trix and Bay 101 together generate approximately \$30 million in tax revenue annually for the City of San José. The cardrooms are significant local employers, taxpayers, and community partners. Eliminating a redundant, fee-funded division would reduce the unnecessary burden on two already heavily regulated local businesses without reducing essential City General Fund services.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask the Council to direct the City Manager to evaluate and return with recommendations to eliminate the Division of Gaming Control in the FY 2026-2027 Budget, redeploy affected staff as appropriate, amend the Police Department Fees and Charges schedule to set the Cardroom Regulation Fee to \$0, and return with any necessary conforming Title 16 amendments to preserve appropriate local authority, including table limits and enforcement against illegal gaming activity.

This is a focused budget reform. It would eliminate redundant bureaucracy, align San José with California's existing gaming regulatory structure, and promote fairness for local businesses, all while maintaining the General Fund services that San José residents deserve.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please reduce or eliminate the Intergovernmental Relations team budget and consider redirecting the savings toward preserving funding for city services in high demand, such as the MLK Jr. Library California Room and city parks. It is entirely possible to reduce IGR spending by at least \$1 million without adversely impacting a single San Jose resident.

The IGR team consists of three full time senior level employees and retains contracts with two external lobbyist firms. Most of the work they perform is inefficient, redundant, and often out of scope. Here are three ways to reduce IGR costs:

1) **Leverage AI to improve productivity.** Twice a year, each of you receive voluminous IGR reports. These “reports” are typically comprised of several 150+ page static documents containing summaries of hundreds of state and federal bills percolating in the state legislature or in Congress. You (or members of your staff) have less than a week to read and internalize the information before the council discusses and rubber stamps them.

IGR staff produces these documents by tediously copying content from legislative websites, pasting it in MS Office tables, and saving them as PDF files. That’s not a productive use of senior staff time, and the static reports are practically useless to consume because columns cannot be sorted, filtered or ranked, and because the files are unsearchable. Future reports should be relevant and easily navigable leveraging common AI tools. It’s inexplicable that a city that prides itself on being a AI pioneer relies on 1990s desktop technology to produce this material.

2) **Eliminate Redundancy.** San Jose is a member of the League of California Cities, an organization that “takes positions on hundreds of bills annually”, with more than 400 city officials that serve on seven policy committees to “directly influence the direction of Cal Cities’ overall advocacy efforts.” San Jose does not need employ in-house staff and retain contracts with external lobbyist firms to duplicate these efforts. It’s a wasteful and redundant use of scarce funds at a time when vital core services are facing budget cuts.

It’s also worth noting that special interest groups representing labor, real estate, business, and a myriad of nonprofits fund their own legislative advocacy activities while maintaining close ties with council members. No one at city hall is deprived of information pertaining to state and federal legislative priorities.

3) **Reign in scope creep.** City government exists to provide essential infrastructure and services that are most efficiently operated and maintained at the local level. These include roads, sewer, police and fire, parks and libraries. The city should not be investing time and money on political advocacy related to controversial and divisive state and federal legislation pertaining to gun control, immigration, DEI, abortion, and other issues that are clearly beyond the scope of city government.

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I urge you to maintain funding for the California Room at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 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,

Annika Bhardwaj District 7

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