

Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council Members

FROM: Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
June 4– June 10, 2010

DATE: June 11, 2010

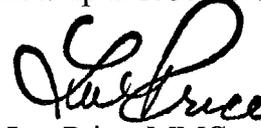
ITEMS TRANSMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

- (a) Letter from Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO) Executive Officer Neelima Palacheria to the City Clerk dated June 3, 2010 submitting LAFCO Final Budget for FY 2010-2011.
- (b) Letter from California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region Executive Officer Bruce H. Wolfe to the City Clerk dated June 7, 2010, submitting notification of an Adoption Hearing to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin on July 14, 2010
- (c) (28) Emails received by the City Clerk dated June 5 - 8, 2010 providing a variety of comments and suggestions regarding the current budget crisis.
- (d) Letter from David S. Wall to Mayor Reed and City Council dated June 10, 2010 titled "The Ghetto Life: Update on the SCEP". (Photographs on file in the Office of the City Clerk)
- (e) Letter from David S. Wall to Mayor Reed and City Council dated June 10, 2010 titled "Is 'Recyclable Rustling' in San José condoned by City Council?"
- (f) Letter from David S. Wall to Mayor Reed and City Council dated June 10, 2010 titled "Whistleblower at IPA notifies union officials of disingenuous and unfounded attacks!"
- (g) Letter from David S. Wall to Mayor Reed and City Council dated June 10, 2010 titled "Video Communications at City Hall should be transferred to Mayor's Office".

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- (h) Letter from David S. Wall to Mayor Reed and City Council dated June 10, 2010 titled “Congratulations Mayor Reed, Councilmember Constant and Councilmember Liccardo!”.
- (i) Letter from David S. Wall to Mayor Reed and City Council dated June 10, 2010 titled “ESD ‘The Land that Fiscal Accountability has forgotten’ show up at RULES”.



Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

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PUBLIC RECORD a

June 3, 2010

TO: County Executive, Santa Clara County
City Managers, Cities in Santa Clara County

FROM: Neelima Palacherla/^{NP}LAFCO Executive Officer

SUBJECT: LAFCO Final Budget for FY 2010-2011

At its June 2, 2010 meeting, LAFCO adopted its Final Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011. The adopted Final Budget and the estimated costs to agencies for FY 2010-2011 are attached for your information. Based on the apportionment method specified in Government Code §56381 and §56381.6, the County Auditor-Controller will distribute LAFCO's FY 2010-2011 net operating expenses between the cities and the County and by July 1, 2010, will request payment from the agencies.

If you have any questions regarding LAFCO budget or cost apportionment matters, do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 299-5127 or at neelima.palacherla@ceo.sccgov.org.
Thank you.

Attachments:

LAFCO Final Budget for FY 2010-2011
FY 2010-2011 Estimated Costs to Agencies

cc:

Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County
City Council Members, Cities in Santa Clara County

**FINAL LAFCO BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2010 - 2011**

ITEM #	TITLE	APPROVED FY 2009-10 BUDGET	ACTUALS Year to Date 3/8/2010	END OF FY 2010 PROJECTIONS	FINAL FY 2010-2011 BUDGET
EXPENDITURES					
Object 1:	Salary and Benefits	\$391,198	\$261,256	\$405,620	\$408,826
Object 2:	Services and Supplies				
5258200	Intra-County Professional	\$55,000	\$5,386	\$40,000	\$55,000
5255800	Legal Counsel	\$70,800	\$40,634	\$70,800	\$55,000
5255500	Consultant Services	\$110,000	\$19,138	\$110,000	\$90,000
5285700	Meal Claims	\$750	\$213	\$500	\$750
5220200	Insurance	\$603	\$550	\$550	\$6,033
5250100	Office Expenses	\$2,000	\$657	\$1,200	\$2,000
5255650	Data Processing Services	\$3,837	\$2,934	\$3,837	\$2,463
5225500	Commissioners' Fee	\$9,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$9,000
5260100	Publications and Legal Notices	\$2,500	\$64	\$200	\$2,500
5245100	Membership Dues	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
5250750	Printing and Reproduction	\$1,500	\$0	\$200	\$1,500
5285800	Business Travel	\$13,000	\$2,464	\$6,000	\$12,000
5285300	Private Automobile Mileage	\$2,000	\$646	\$1,500	\$2,000
5285200	Transportation&Travel (County Car Usage)	\$1,500	\$512	\$1,500	\$1,000
5281600	Overhead	\$49,077	\$36,808	\$49,077	\$46,626
5275200	Computer Hardware	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,000
5250800	Computer Software	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,400	\$2,000
5250250	Postage	\$2,000	\$127	\$500	\$2,000
5252100	Staff Training Programs	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000
5701000	Reserves	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$827,765	\$380,389	\$707,384	\$809,698
REVENUES					
4103400	Application Fees	\$40,000	\$11,558	\$20,000	\$30,000
4301100	Interest: Deposits and Investments	\$7,000	\$3,722	\$5,000	\$7,000
Total Interest / Application Fee Revenue		\$47,000	\$15,281	\$25,000	\$37,000
4600100	Cities (Revenue from other Agencies)	\$267,657	\$267,657	\$267,657	
5440200	County	\$267,657	\$267,657	\$267,657	
Savings/Fund Balance from previous FY		\$245,451	\$334,567	\$334,567	\$187,497
TOTAL REVENUE		\$827,765	\$885,162	\$894,881	
NET LAFCO OPERATING EXPENSES		\$535,314			\$585,201
COSTS TO AGENCIES					
	County	\$267,657	\$267,657	\$267,656.79	\$292,601
	City of San Jose	\$133,829	\$133,829	\$133,828	\$146,300
	Other Cities	\$133,829	\$133,829	\$133,829	\$146,300

May 2010

2010/2011 LAFCO COST APPORTIONMENT
Estimated Costs to Agencies Based on the Final Budget

LAFCO Net Operating Expenses for 2010/2011 **\$585,201**

Jurisdictions	Revenue per 2007/2008 Report	Percentage of Total Revenue	Allocation Percentages	Allocated Costs
County	N/A	N/A	0.50000000	\$292,600.50
San Jose	N/A	N/A	0.25000000	\$146,300.25
Campbell	38,244,424	2.1678349%	0.5419587%	\$3,171.55
Cupertino	57,764,219	3.2742889%	0.8185722%	\$4,790.29
Gilroy	66,082,813	3.7458175%	0.9364544%	\$5,480.14
Los Altos	45,666,717	2.5885579%	0.6471395%	\$3,787.07
Los Altos Hills	13,239,141	0.7504433%	0.1876108%	\$1,097.90
Los Gatos	35,111,318	1.9902389%	0.4975597%	\$2,911.72
Milpitas	98,670,590	5.5930128%	1.3982532%	\$8,182.59
Monte Sereno	3,072,897	0.1741831%	0.0435458%	\$254.83
Morgan Hill	61,064,613	3.4613674%	0.8653418%	\$5,063.99
Mountain View	175,514,445	9.9488058%	2.4872014%	\$14,555.13
Palo Alto	402,989,000	22.8429021%	5.7107255%	\$33,419.22
Santa Clara	462,443,209	26.2129859%	6.5532465%	\$38,349.66
Saratoga	20,437,685	1.1584833%	0.2896208%	\$1,694.86
Sunnyvale	283,874,941	16.0910782%	4.0227695%	\$23,541.29
Total	1,764,176,012	100.0000000%	100.0000000%	\$585,200.99
Total Cities (minus San Jose)				\$146,302.24



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



PUBLIC RECORD

Linda S. Adams
Secretary for
Environmental Protection

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<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay>

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

June 7, 2010

NOTICE: HEARING RESCHEDULED TO JULY 14, 2010

Hearing to amend the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin to
ADD SURFACE WATER BODIES AND DESIGNATE BENEFICIAL USES

You are hereby notified that the Adoption Hearing on this Basin Plan amendment will take place on July 14, 2010.

On May 12, the Water Board heard public testimony on the proposed amendment and announced that the hearing to consider adoption would now be held on July 14, 2010, rather than June 9, 2010. At the July 14 hearing, the Water Board will consider a proposed amendment that would:

1. Designate beneficial uses to surface water bodies already listed in the Basin Plan that have not yet been explicitly designated
2. Identify additional surface water bodies, and designate their beneficial uses, to better represent all the surface water bodies in the region
3. Update text and maps in Chapter 2 of the Basin Plan

WHEN: July 14, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Staff Contact: Jan O'Hara (510) 622-5681, johara@waterboards.ca.gov

The 45 day public comment period for the proposed amendment expired on April 12, 2010. The proposed amendment, supporting staff report, public comment letters, and other documents are available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agendas/2010/May/05-12-10_Board_Meeting_Agenda.pdf, scroll down to item 7.

Prior to the July hearing, Water Board staff will release any proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan amendment and/or staff report, along with written responses to all comments received during the public comment period and the May hearing. Oral public testimony at the July hearing will be limited to comments on changes to the Basin Plan amendment the Water Board or its staff may propose subsequent to the February 24, 2010, version. At the conclusion of the July hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment, including changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

Preserving, enhancing, and restoring the San Francisco Bay Area's waters for over 50 years

The public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 23 Cal. Code of Regs. § 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearings; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearings, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board. They will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm . The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Mary Tryon, (510) 622 2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov, at least 5 working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer

June 3, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I applaud the city council's leadership in agreeing to take a 10% pay cut and I urge all city employees to agree to the same pay cut in order to Save Our Services. Fewer employees mean fewer city services. Services have already been cut enough. Higher unemployment due to layoffs, closed libraries and longer wait times at City Hall are not solutions - they are the byproducts of failed leadership. Please do not fail the people of San José by closing our libraries and slashing our other services. City employees have enjoyed generous salaries and benefits over the years, but San José can no longer afford to pay them. Everyone should shoulder some of pain as the City makes cuts. It is simply not fair to ask San José residents to give up their services and not ask employees to give up a small portion of their pay. We are one community and unless employees can come to the table with real concessions, it's the residents who are once again being asked pay the price.

I work for a privately held company. We manufacture inspection equipment for the Semiconductor market. These systems are capital purchases, \$200k+, and guess what... They weren't selling last year. **I had to take a 30% pay cut.** You bet I did not want to be paid less. I had to do some serious belt tightening but it was either that or I would have seen more of my co-workers layed-off. **I know that I would have a hard time looking myself in the mirror knowing that my greed in times of trouble cause pain to those around me.** This is precisely what the unions would like to do. These employees are overvalued in this economy. It is a real shame that this fact either can't or is chosen not to be understood.

Regards, Lisa Logan

From: Tom Peterson [mailto:t @msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:27 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 8, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

Three cheers for the city council's leadership in agreeing to take a 10% pay cut. This is the type of leadership that we need in these financially stressed times. My strong belief is that all city employees should agree to the same pay cut in order to Save Our Services. Fewer employees mean fewer city services. Services have already been cut enough. Please do not fail the people of San José by closing our libraries and slashing our other services.

City employees have long enjoyed generous salaries and benefits over the years (reference recent Grand Jury Report), but we can no longer afford to pay them. Everyone should shoulder some of pain as the City makes cuts. It is simply not fair to ask San José residents to give up their services and not ask employees to give up a small portion of their pay.

Furthermore, I think action definitely needs to be taken to reduce retirement benefits, perhaps go to a two tiered system. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that we cannot afford to continue to support overly-generous retirement benefits. This must be fixed.

It is very disturbing to be in the private sector where we are subject to pay reductions and layoffs, and yet see the unwillingness of City Employees to share the pain. The power of the unions is paralyzing the city of San Jose.

We are one community and unless employees can come to the table with real concessions, it's the residents who are once again being asked pay the price.

Regards,

Tom Peterson, San Jose Resident

From: Ken Halsey [mailto: yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:38 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 7, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I am writing you today to express my views about the current \"mess\" the City of San Jose is in. It was summarized perfectly by stating that the city exist to provide services to it's residents and business NOT to provide the city workers with entitlements of constant pay raises and job protection. The City contributes to the emplyeee retirement system..... have city workers ever heard of the term - 401K? With average compensation at \$132K, I thought city workers are given all there \"perks\" because they accepted a city job who's pay is suppose to be less than the private sector. \$132K - I want to work for the city.....

It is up to each member of the city council and other leaders at City Hall to persuade workers to accept a 10% permanent pay cut. Without such an agreement, our services will be slashed and jobs will be lost. Please act now to safeguard our future.

Sincerely

Ken Halsey

From: Irving Feinberg [@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:57 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support two-tiered retirement

June 7, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

The largest drivers of the City's deficit have been the rising cost of medical benefits and increases in the City's contribution to employee retirement systems. Retirement contributions by the City have gone up over 50% since 2000 for Federated employees. Police and Fire retirement went up 82% in the same time period!

These generous retirement contributions were given out when city revenues were higher and the overall economy was much stronger. The City simply cannot afford to continue paying out so much money for retirement.

Please support a two-tiered retirement system so that all employees hired now will receive smaller contribution rates from the City. This will prevent future budget crises from happening.

Sincerely

Irving Feinberg

From: Sandy Adams [mailto:sandy@]
Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 10:14 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support two-tiered retirement

June 5, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

We can't just focus on the current year. We need to plan ahead for the budgets in coming years and feel confident our Mayor & City Council have taken steps to protect services in the future.

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Please support a two-tiered retirement system so that all employees hired now will receive smaller contribution rates from the City. This will prevent future budget crises from happening.

Sincerely

Sandy Adams

From: Mark Olson [mailto: pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:13 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support two-tiered retirement

June 7, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

The current city employee retirement system will bankrupt the city of San Jose if it is not changed.

Please support a two-tiered retirement system so that all employees hired now will receive smaller contribution rates from the City. This will prevent future budget crises from happening.

Thanks,

Sincerely

Mark Olson

From: Ed Okulove [mailto:s@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:18 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 8, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

With the given state of the economy, it is only right that city employees share in the repercussions of the current budget crisis. The mayor and city council have already taken pay cuts, (which I applaud) and it is about time that city employees be forced to do the same. The mayor and the council should be pressuring the unions to allow for these cuts, and if a pay reduction is not made soon, more employees will be laid off.

The City of San Jose has provided generous pay and benefits to city employees for years, and it is about time the employees joined in the sacrifice. After all, we in the private sector have had to tighten our belts. Why shouldn't the city employees? I urge you to reduce city employee pay by 10%, in an effort to save our services! If they don't like it, they can try to find an other job! That will be a REAL wake up call!

Concerned Resident

Sincerely

Ed Okulove
Ave.
San Jose CA, 95118

From: Jenna Duong [mailto:jenna.duong@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 9:33 AM
To: Liccardo, Sam
Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 9, 2010

Councilmember Liccardo
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Councilmember Liccardo,

This budget crisis means that everyone must work together and share in the pain. The mayor and every member of the city council should support a 10% pay reduction for all city employees and should be working to get the unions to agree.

No one wants to see city employees get pink slips. It is up to the leadership of each union to get their members to agree to a 10% pay reduction. City employees have been compensated well for years and now that the economy has turned, they need to be a part of the solution.

It's hard to believe that city employees would rather see hundreds of their co-workers laid off than take a small pay cut! For those who are left with jobs, they will inevitably be saddled with greater work loads. It just doesn't make sense that the unions are more focused on protecting employees' salaries rather than their jobs.

Sincerely

Jenna Duong

From: Raul Rivera [mailto: @yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 11:18 AM

To: The Office of Mayor Chuck Reed; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; Oliverio, Pierluigi; District7; Herrera, Rose; Chirco, Judy; Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle

Cc: City Clerk

Subject: Creative Solutions Can Save Services

Address: #1, San José, CA 95116

The future of San Jose rests in your hands. You and other members of the City Council will choose whether to save critical services such as police, fire, community centers, libraries and parks or decimating the quality of life in San Jose.

City workers have offered millions of dollars in concessions and community leaders have proposed creative ideas such as eliminating vacant positions, reducing low priority spending, and saving millions in unemployment payments by avoiding layoffs. With these budget solutions, you have the opportunity to resolve the budget shortfall without cutting essential services.

I am worried that some City officials want to pass up this opportunity and choose a path that will lead to massive cuts to vital services. I am counting on you. Our City's youth, seniors and families are counting on you! Please support a global solution on June 15th.

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From: Joseph Gallegos [mailto: @gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:17 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 8, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I am writing to urge you to take action today to reduce employee costs in the City of San José. In the last 10 years, the cost of employees has gone up 72% while the actual number of employees has gone down! This is unacceptable and doesn't make sense.

City employees have been receiving generous salary and benefits increases over the years when the economy was good. We can no longer afford to pay such high wages and pensions. Employee costs are going to bankrupt the City of San José.

We need strong leadership from the city council, city manager and union leadership to help navigate San José through this current crisis and to put measures in place to ensure that this doesn't happen again down the road. We need real solutions, not one-time quick fixes that will just push the problem off to the next year.

I ask that you work on real solutions that involve permanent cuts of at least 10% to employee wages and benefits – now, not later!

Sincerely

Joseph Gallegos

From: Daniel Nguyen [mailto:dan_n@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:21 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 8, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I ask that you encourage city employees to agree to a 10% cut in pay. City residents and employees are all in this together and we all need to be a part of the solution to the budget crisis.

How can we encourage our children to learn when libraries are closed? If there are fewer police officers and firefighters, then who will protect us? Laying off employees to balance the city budget is a disastrous idea that will lead to higher unemployment and fewer city services.

We need real solutions to this budget crisis that include real, permanent cuts so that we don't get into mess again in a few years.

Sincerely

Daniel Nguyen

From: Katie Nhieu [mailto: @yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:42 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 8, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I applaud the city council's leadership in agreeing to take a 10% pay cut and I urge all city employees to agree to the same pay cut in order to Save Our Services. Fewer employees mean fewer city services. Services have already been cut enough.

Higher unemployment due to layoffs, closed libraries and longer wait times at City Hall are not solutions - they are the byproducts of failed leadership. Please do not fail the people of San José by closing our libraries and slashing our other services.

City employees have enjoyed generous salaries and benefits over the years, but San José can no longer afford to pay them. Everyone should shoulder some of pain as the City makes cuts. It is simply not fair to ask San José residents to give up their services and not ask employees to give up a small portion of their pay.

We are one community and unless employees can come to the table with real concessions, it's the residents who are once again being asked pay the price.

Sincerely

Katie Nhieu

From: kim wickstrum [mailto:kimdelphia@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 6:47 AM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 8, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

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Sincerely

kim wickstrum

From: Felicidad Ocegüera [mailto:oce_@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 2:09 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 7, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I support the proposal that city employees take a 10% cut in pay.

Sincerely

Felicidad Ocegüera

From: Kathleen Haley [mailto:kjhaley@silnet]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:48 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 7, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I am tired of feeling like the unions are holding our city hostage. I believe government employee should be paid a reasonable salary, but their salaries are now out of line with the private sector. City employees are civil servants, but currently they are receiving high salaries, exceptional benefits and complete job security (no matter how they perform on the job). We can no longer afford to pay their total compensation package and I do NOT agree with the idea that citizens should receive less service for more money.

These are tough economic times and the private sector has received substantial salary reductions. The unions have proved that they are not willing to work with our city's leaders and now I ask that you please do what is best for the city and not the special interest of the unions.

Please cut city employees' compensation by at least 10% and bring their total compensation package in line with reality.

Thank you!

Krantz, Ruth

From: Kenny, Cathy
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Please Save Our Services

From: Mack Johansen
Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2010 10:37 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

Dear Debra Figone,

June 6, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

Thank you for reading this message. I'm sure that we all agree that our Great City is in a crisis mode. Let's stop pointing fingers and take action.

All city employees must look themselves in the eye and fully consider the suggested compensation concessions. These are crucial to avoid further staff reductions which penalize the lowest seniority personnel and eliminates their important services.

The Mayor's recent budget proposal appears to have thoroughly considered the most significant reductions in all areas reasonable. All now need to work together to support our Great City and help it continue to be a model of efficiency and the most desirable place to live and work.

Sincerely

Mack Johansen

6/10/2010

From: William Hadaya
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:18 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 3, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

The repercussions of the budget deficit have begun to take their toll on the residents of the City of San José. Critical services are being cut, leaving us questioning where our tax money is going. It is time for change. The council and the mayor pledge year after year that the problem will be fixed, and fewer cuts will be made. However, we have yet to see any positive change.

The current city employee retirement system poses a huge problem for the City's budget. Since 2000, retirement contributions by the City have gone up over 50% for Federated employees and 82% for police and fire retirement. The City cannot afford to pay this much money year after year, especially with the current financial crisis.

We need real solutions to this budget crisis that include real, permanent cuts so that we don't get into this situation again in a few years. The City should pursue a policy of competitive outsourcing for services currently provided by employees who are not delivering essential services. By contracting out, the City can save enough money to keep some essential services from being cut.

From: Rosemarie Flowers [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2010 5:57 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 6, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

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By laying-off city employees, we will be doing exactly what we are trying to avoid—reducing services. City employees are necessary in providing the services we have now, whatever of them are left. By reducing the number of city employees, there will be less services and less efficiency. The City of San Jose has provided generous pay and benefits to city employees for years, and it is about time the employees joined in the sacrifice. We urge you to reduce city employee pay by 10%, in an effort to save our services!

Sincerely

Rosemarie Flowers

From: Ray Flowers

To: BudgetComments

Subject: Support a 10% pay reduction for all employees

June 6, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I applaud the city council's leadership in agreeing to take a 10% pay cut and I urge all city employees to agree to the same pay cut in order to Save Our Services. Fewer employees mean fewer city services. Services have already been cut enough.

Higher unemployment due to layoffs, closed libraries and longer wait times at City Hall are not solutions - they are the byproducts of failed leadership. Please do not fail the people of San José by closing our libraries and slashing our other services.

City employees have enjoyed generous salaries and benefits over the years, but San José can no longer afford to pay them. Everyone should shoulder some of pain as the City makes cuts. It is simply not fair to ask San José residents to give up their services and not ask employees to give up a small portion of their pay.

We are one community and unless employees can come to the table with real concessions, it's the residents who are once again being asked pay the price.

Sincerely

Ray Flowers

San Jose CA, 95125

From: Frank De Smidt [mailto:]
Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 2:53 PM
To: BudgetComments
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I believe that a pay and benefit reduction is a better solution than major layoffs. Your constituents are making do with much less. many are out of work, employers and small businesses are suffering too.

Sincerely

Frank De Smidt

San Jose CA, 95132

Mayor Chuck Reed
San Jose City Council Members
Debra Figone, City Manager
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Reed, City Council Members, and City Manager,

The ongoing raid on Transient Occupancy Tax Grant Funding for Arts non-profits has gone too far. City management wrongfully continues to take from this funding source to cover its General Fund shortfall. This raid is counter to the intent and spirit of the agreement with San Jose's hoteliers and arts groups. They supported the creation of this tax to fund the arts not to make up for years of budgeting failures. This raid also amplifies the damage that our fragile arts ecosystem has already sustained due to the recession.

To paraphrase the strong sentiment expressed by Mayor Reed when responding to the State's grab of RDA funds: this most recent raid on TOT funding for the arts is a direct reflection of San Jose's budget failures. Taking this funding will result in the loss of jobs, the cancellation of concerts, plays, exhibitions, and festivals, and bring fewer visitors to downtown hotels and restaurants. The losses will be serious and long term for the residents and businesses of San Jose and the entire Bay Area.

While the Mayor has vehemently denounced the State's actions, the City of San Jose is doing the same exact thing to arts funding. San Jose leadership cannot allow the TOT to be misappropriated in the same way that Sacramento has wiggled its way into the pockets of cities and their most powerful economic development tool.

Councilmember Liccardo has a part of the solution right with his recent Budget Document dated May 21, 2010, to preserve and restore \$148,000 to the TOT grant funds for 2010-2011 and \$120,000 for the Arts Express program. We urge you to support his recommendations.

However, we expect you to go further, back to when the misappropriation of these dedicated funds started. We expect you to honor the original spirit and letter of the deal. The arts community wants full restoration of the TOT back to before these funds began to be violated. Poor precedent was set. The time to begin to fix it is now.

Sincerely,
Stephen Boisvert
Guest Artist
Opera San José

June 6, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

Please work to reduce the cost of City employees. For years, taxpayers have been funding very generous employee wages and pensions that are now bankrupting the City! It is simply not fair to ask taxpayers to give more and expect less. Employees must be willing to take small concessions to ensure that San José will be able to keep our libraries open and our streets safe.

Working for government used to mean modest pay and benefits, but good job security. Now it seems like public employees expect high pay, excellent benefits and a job for life! We simply cannot afford the current system.

It is up to each member of the city council and other leaders at City Hall to persuade workers to accept a 10% permanent pay cut. Without such an agreement, our services will be slashed and jobs will be lost. Please act now to safeguard our future.

The majority of citizens of San Jose are behind this effort. Plase stay strong.

Phil Kopec, District 4

Sincerely

Phil Kopec

LETTERS ALSO SENT FROM

Herbert J Miller

From: Jan Miller [mailto:Jan Miller .com]
Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2010 8:14 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Take a stand and fix the budget

June 6, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

The City has more than a \$116 million budget deficit that must be fixed without sacrificing neighborhood services in the process. As residents, we have done our part by paying our taxes. Now we are trusting you to do your jobs.

Every year, we hear the same promises about fixing the budget and making real changes, but little seems to happen. Change requires leadership and courage. Members of the city council, senior staff and union leaders are all responsible for fixing our budget crisis and making touch choices.

We need the whole city council to show some real leadership by safeguarding emergency services, neighborhood libraries and community centers. By reducing employee costs, we will save jobs and Save Our Services.

Sincerely

Jan Miller
Lane
San Jose CA, 95127

June 5, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I ask that you encourage city employees to agree to a 10% cut in pay. City residents and employees are all in this together and we all need to be a part of the solution to the budget crisis.

How can we encourage our children to learn when libraries are closed? If there are fewer police officers and firefighters, then who will protect us? Laying off employees to balance the city budget is a disastrous idea that will lead to higher unemployment and fewer city services.

We need real solutions to this budget crisis that include real, permanent cuts so that we don't get into mess again in a few years.

Sincerely

Diane Kopec
n Drive
San Jose CA, 95133

From: Sarah Morse [mailto: hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 4:43 PM
To: BudgetComments
Subject: Please Save Our Services

June 9, 2010

Debra Figone
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Dear Debra Figone,

I am writing to urge you to take action today to reduce employee costs in the City of San José. In the last 10 years, the cost of employees has gone up 72% while the actual number of employees has gone down! This is unacceptable and doesn't make sense.

City employees have been receiving generous salary and benefits increases over the years when the economy was good. We can no longer afford to pay such high wages and pensions. Employee costs are going to bankrupt the City of San José.

We need strong leadership from the city council, city manager and union leadership to help navigate San José through this current crisis and to put measures in place to ensure that this doesn't happen again down the road. We need real solutions, not one-time quick fixes that will just push the problem off to the next year.

I ask that you work on real solutions that involve permanent cuts of at least 10% to employee wages and benefits – now, not later!

With all the services that may be lost, San Jose will no longer be such an attractive place to live and neighborhoods and residents will suffer.

Sincerely

Sarah Morse

Dear Mayor Reed, City Council Members, and Ms. Figone,

Grant funding allocated to the arts should not be up for grabs to cover the General Fund shortfall or any other reason.

Please stop the raiding of TOT Grant Funding for Arts non-profits, and restore what has already been misappropriated.

Fighting for its cultural assets ought to be a priority for the city of San Jose.

I live and work in San Jose and have stuck by the city for decades.

A large part of what has made it easy is the city's action to support the arts as a major component of its brand.

The arts add life, texture, and community – three properties the city desperately needs more of.

Our arts offerings are among the city's strongest arguments for people to take an interest in San Jose and spend their time and money here. They are also a hard-won, admirable aspect of the city's brand.

It doesn't happen overnight to build an arts presence and community, and our progress is precious.

Please support Sam Liccardo's May 21, 2010 Budget Document recommendations to preserve and restore \$148,000 to the TOT grant funds for 2010-2011 and \$120,000 for the Arts Express program. Please also return the funds that were already redirected elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Karen

Karen Tucker | CEO | ChurchIII Club |

David S. Wall
P.O. Box 7621

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June 10, 2010

2010 JUN 10 P 4: 03

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113-1905

Re: THE GHETTO LIFE: UPDATE ON THE SCEP

On Monday, (06.07.10), I ventured over to North Tenth Street @ Horning Street to "take the pulse" of the **SCEP** (Shopping Cart Entitlement Program). I arrived on station at approximately 1031 hours and found ten (10) stolen and abandoned shopping carts. *A 17% decrease as to the number of stolen and abandoned shopping carts from last week is hereby recorded.*

The perennial garbage pile (PGP) is growing again along with its contemporary, the perennial growing debris field" (PGDF) along the railroad tracks. Again, I did not visit the established encampments that have reestablished themselves with their corresponding open sewers, rotting food, and nondescript garbage accumulations.

Photographs were taken and are on file at the Mayor's Office, the City Attorney and the City Clerk.

Photographs repeatedly paint a recurring portrait of; stolen and abandoned shopping carts, garbage, generalized filth, urban decay but also a poignant reminder Council could not give "a rats rear" on solving the associated crimes.

There are a couple of photos that show two individuals in possession of shopping carts.

Ownership of the stolen and abandoned shopping carts is as follows;

Mi Pueblo (2), WalMart (2), Walgreens (1), Longs Drugs (1), Safeway (1), Chaparal Supermarket (1), Save Mart (1), DaI Thanh Supermarket (1) and (1) 96-gallon, blue, "Allied Waste Services" garbage container with garbage.

*"Unmarked stolen and abandoned shopping carts have been "purposefully altered" to shield true identity.

special note the overall cleanliness of shopping carts picked up off the streets and returned to stores should be addressed by some governmental agency. Unsuspecting customers may use excrement coated shopping carts without their knowledge. Shopping carts picked up off the street are "filthy" and are potential reservoirs of microbial agents waiting to spread contagion(s).

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wall
06.10.10

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June 10, 2010

2010 JUN 10 P 4:03

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113-1905

Re: Is "Recyclable Rustling" in San José condoned by City Council?

Meet "Larry" who "recycles" the recyclables.

Use of "shopping cart" to collect and transport City recyclables is hereby illustrated.

Photographs of the event add to a "Neighborhood Watch Program".

On Sunday, (06.06.10) late in the afternoon, "Larry" came into the neighborhood with his friend to "recycle" some "recyclables."

"Larry" comes into the neighborhood usually every week to collect recyclables from the City recycle bins. He uses a shopping cart to collect and transport the "recyclables" to the recycle shops the following Monday located on either North Tenth Street or on Horning Street.

There are four (4) photographs depicting the historical event last Sunday. Three (3) photographs depict the "Mi Pueblo Food Center" shopping cart utilized in the collection and transport of "acquired" recyclables.

"Larry" is but one individual who uses a shopping cart as a vehicle to achieve an economic opportunity.

Perhaps "Larry" could teach the City Council a thing or two about achieving profitability using the resources so provided.

Photographs are on file at the Mayor's Office, the City Attorney and City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wall
06.10.10

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June 10, 2010

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
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Re: "Whistleblower" at IPA notifies union officials of "disingenuous and unfounded attacks"!

Serious allegations of IPA serving as a "disinformation machine" to vilify POLICE have surfaced.

Did IPA withhold evidence to support innocence of falsely accused San José Police Officers?

Whoa Nellie...who "audits IPA" for allegations of misconduct and or "criminal fraud"?

In my opinion, since its inception, the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) has been steeped in controversy. Not as an entity protecting the Public from allegations of a Police department gone amok but, as a bastard child, sired from the whoring loins of "vote buying politicians" who want to "buy votes" from the criminal element and other social miscreants who do not like any aspect of law enforcement.

The issue of the IPA not being "truthful" has been a persistent rumor since "day one" of its official operations and several City Councils have never seriously investigated the matter.

Reported in the San José Mercury News, ("*Spy alleged at S.J. police auditor office*" (Thursday, 06.10.10), by Sean Webby), "The spy", referred to by Mr. Webby is in all aspects, a "Whistleblower" of alleged misconduct in the Office of the IPA.

The "Whistleblower", who has through his acts, served the Public's interest in informing union officials of serious allegations pertaining to; ongoing, disingenuous, and unfounded attacks perpetrated by the IPA upon falsely accused San José Police Officers.

And the allegation(s) of withholding of material evidence that would exonerate falsely accused San José Police Officers is a serious allegation(s) that if proven *True* goes directly to the issue of *Criminal fraud* perpetrated by a public agency against one or more of the public agency's employees.

Should a Santa Clara County Grand Jury investigate allegations of misconduct at the IPA?

Who "audits" the IPA?

Somebody somewhere has to publically investigate allegations of potential misconduct of the IPA.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wall
06-10-10

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June 10, 2010

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113-1905

Re: Video Communications at City Hall should be transferred to Mayor's Office.

Eliminate positions of Director and supervisor of Video Communications under City Manager.

Retain three (3) Video Multi Media Producer positions (who are extremely talented).

The City will save money and make money by this organizational change.

Saving money and making money all in on small swoop, this is how it works.

Since the Mayor has been re-elected, he gets his way. That means his entire personal staff will not see any layoffs. Good for them. So, why does the City retain the Director of Communications in the Office of the City Manager? The Mayor has a Director of Communications.

In my opinion, the Director of Communication in the Office of the City Manager should now walk the equivalent of the administrative "plank". Eliminate the position. Also, eliminate the Supervisor Video Communications position as well.

Retain all three (3) Video Multi Media Producer positions and transfer the control of them to the Mayor's Director of Communications.

The retention of the three **(3) Video Multi Media Producer positions is instrumental in "making money"** for the City of San José. These employees are highly talented and have received national recognition for their work. Even the City manager has given them accolade for their achievements. So, why are they facing imminent layoff outside of administrative stupidity?

Within the guidelines of their funding and the use of the T.V. channel, those **(3) Video Multi Media Producer employees** can easily produce videos on a number of interesting topics to serve the public. Such videos could also aid the airport and possibly could be used in Airline in flight, to portray the interesting highlights of San José.

The interesting highlights of San José could be just about anything; Hotels, restaurants the Convention Center, HP Pavilion and the number of vacancies in high density living projects waiting for newcomers. There are many categories of "interesting highlights" in San José.

If YOU decide to lose the **(3) Video Multi Media Producer employees**; YOU lose the talent and expertise that could definitely help make money for San José.

Cc: City Attorney / City Auditor / City Manager

Respectfully submitted,
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Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113-1905

Re: Congratulations Mayor Reed, Councilmember Constant and Councilmember Liccardo!

Congratulations are in order for:

Mayor Reed

Councilmember Constant

And

Councilmember Liccardo

Congratulations on your individual re-election to the San José City Council!

All of YOU are to be commended for how YOU conducted yourselves and YOUR campaigns.

I am personally glad that the composition of the "RULES COMMITTEE" will not change.

I am also heartened that San José's favorite bicyclist is still on the payroll.
(Albeit, the obeying of the "rules of the road" is certain to experience some variances.)

GOOD JOB YOUR HONORS!

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wall
06.10.10

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June 10, 2010

2010 JUN 10 P 3: 58

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
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Re: ESD, "The Land that Fiscal Accountability has forgotten" shows up at RULES.

An Environmental Services Program Manager

A Supervising Environmental Services Specialist

A Senior Environmental Inspector

Were all three positions "needed to answer any and all questions"? No.

Just when City officials have forgotten how "over staffed" the Environmental Services Department (ESD) really is, three (3) management representatives of ESD showed up at the Rules and Open Government Committee meeting, Wednesday (06.09.10).

Ostensively the dynamic trio's presence was to answer any and all questions that the RULES committee might have concerning Item D (1) (b) on the Agenda which was to "Approve a position of support for Senate Bill 1107 (Kehoe); Water Quality: Interceptor and Trap Grease and forward to the City Council for formal action on June 15, 2010."

My point in this matter, only the presence of the Senior Environmental Inspector was in theory, needed. The other two over paid bodies could have been enjoying themselves on a pristine beach in Hawaii without anyone noticing their absence from the overstuffed ESD workplace. For example, the **Supervising Environmental Services Specialist** doesn't "supervise" anyone as of a (03.15.10) Organizational Chart.

But, "restricted use funds" at ESD and their corresponding abuses and misuses are never looked at by anyone at City hall with the exception of the Office of the City Manager who enjoys using these funds for just about anything under the sun.

For example, "under the sun" are the planets "airhead", "brownoser" and "backstabber". The Office of the City Manager must pride itself on providing "employment opportunities" to the members of these planets because there are so many representatives from those celestial entities in the organization as a whole, but specifically at ESD where it appears to be a requirement. Whether these employees are competent in their respective positions is of course, irrelevant.

The presence of all three (3) ESD Environmental managers was not needed at all at RULES.

Was this a variation of "flamboyant use of entourage in absentia" by the Director of ESD?

Or

Was 67% of the employee time allocated to this meeting an indicator of being "Overstaffed"?

Respectfully submitted,

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David S. Wall
06-10-10