FW: CAA Letter re: item 3.6 on 6/13/23

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Mayor Mahan and City Council

The attached letter is in response to item 3.6 on the June 13th City Council agenda. Contact me if you have any questions.

Anil Babbar
Senior Vice President of Public Affairs
California Apartment Association
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California Apartment Association

Via E-Mail Only

June 9, 2023

Mayor Matt Mahan and City Council,
200 E. Santa Clara St.,
San Jose, CA 95113

Mayor Mahan and City Council,

On behalf of the California Apartment Association (CAA), I am writing to inform you of CAA's position on the proposed increase in the Tenant Protection Ordinance (TPO) fee.

The City Manager and the Budget Director addressed our concerns about the TPO fee increase in the Managers Budget addendum, revising the fee increase to $23/unit from the initial proposal of $34/unit. This revision acknowledges the housing department's recommendation to raise the fee by 127% in one year was outrageous. However, the revised fee amount reflects a 53% increase, with a 52% increase in the following fiscal year.

At $23/unit, the TPO fee has increased by 283% since implementation. That massive increase more than accounts for the pandemic-related decrease in FY 20-21 and 21-22. However, due to the housing department's inability to efficiently manage the program, the fee is projected to increase by 53% this fiscal year and 52% the next.

This trend of fee increases does not provide the predictability for managing rental housing and determining the feasibility of building homes. CAA calls for TPO or ARO fee increases to follow the same rules that those ordinances imposed: a cap on fee increases of 5%. The city should efficiently manage the funds that the public has entrusted them with.

Additionally, an audit of the city's rent control programs would assist the next director of housing with implementing improvements and efficiencies to these programs. A fee that started at $6/unit but will eventually balloon to $35/unit over the course of 7 years is an example of wasteful and unchecked government spending. An audit can identify efficiencies and establish a fee that doesn't pose a burden.

CAA appreciates the work of Budget Director Jim Shannon and City Manager Jennifer Maguire for revising the fee down to $23/unit. The City should understand what that fee is spent on, why it has ballooned so high in a short period of time and what impact it is having on property owners and housing developers. And during that analysis, the city should freeze any fee increases.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Anil Babbar
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FW: REAL Coalition Letter to CSJ re FY24 Final Budget

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the nonprofit **Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) Coalition**, please see attached a letter to be submitted under **Item 3.1 (June 12) and Items 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 (June 13).**

We look forward to your discussion around this. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
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June 12, 2023

San José City Council
San José City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: Item 3.1, June 12, and Items 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, June 13

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council:

This letter was prepared by members of the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) coalition.

Background

The REAL Coalition has been deeply engaged throughout the budget process, discussing our proposals to advance racial justice and economic equity with the Mayor and every councilmember at least once.

We appreciate the inclusion of a pilot program to establish non-police responses to interpersonal violence (as well as several other items we'll delineate later), and are grateful to Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei and Councilmembers Pam Foley, David Cohen, and Sergio Jimenez for their thoughtful efforts to preserve money for permanent affordable housing.

However, with the release of the Mayor's June message we see there are still several shortcomings in the proposed budget and call on Council to make these changes:

Measure E

We have always been supportive of "an all of the above'' approach to end our homelessness crisis. The city needs to invest in emergency interim shelter but it must not shy away from its commitment to affordable and permanent supportive housing by even a single dollar. The REAL Coalition supports the memo from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres that preserves Measure E, taps more of the excess fund balances, and outlines a plan to expand emergency interim

shelter in collaboration with other partners. This memo should be adopted as-is as part of the FY 23-24 budget.

BEST Programs

We are disappointed to see no additional funding for Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) programs. As we stated in our March letter, council should double down on the city's investment in prevention and intervention of violence by adding $5 million to the BEST appropriation. Whereas the mayor has acknowledged the importance of prevention and intervention in his message, the budget should express this stated value.

Recovery Task Force

The pandemic may be considered over but the needs identified by the Recovery Task Force persist. We appreciate the use of unspent money to continue progress in workforce development but there should be further allocation to continue the task force's work in health equity, early childhood education and housing. The city should budget an additional $2 million to further high priority and high impact recommendations. As staff and council committees assess which priorities to move forward, task force members should be consulted as appropriate.

Racial Equity Work

Although the Mayor's Message spoke to racial equity, we need to put our money where our mouth is. We should advance racial equity work in the City of San José by ensuring that City positions dedicated to this work are filled. In light of failure to hire key positions in Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement; and Transportation, those positions should be converted to permanent Program Manager positions.

City Manager's Budget Addenda and Council Budget Documents

We are glad to see the following items included in the mayor's June message:

- Extension of the Eviction Help Center
- Additional staff to raise money for Vision Zero and manage Vision Zero projects
- Tree canopy projects in Calle Willow and Luna Park

- Investments in digital equity programs
- Investment in pedestrian safety projects
- Enhanced traffic and pedestrian safety through road and intersection design
- Investment in youth education and afterschool programs
- Investments to serve our LGBTQ+ residents
- Investing in cultural spaces including the Vietnamese Heritage Garden and African American Community Services Agency
- Enhanced lighting for safety

Further, with the extension of the automated license plate reader program, the City needs to acknowledge that its data management and transparency policy is inadequate and convene relevant stakeholders to write a stronger and more equitable policy.

Lastly, we are interested in the references in the March message to divert calls from 911 and other possibly innovative ways to move away from unnecessary policing and carceral approaches. We call on the City to involve the community at a deep level in these conversations. The REAL Coalition stands ready to participate in these dialogues and to support the City in bringing the voices of community members with relevant lived experiences to the table.

We appreciate the Council offices that engaged in dialogues with Coalition members during this process and all of the offices and staff for their hard work on the budget.

About the REAL Coalition

The REAL community of nonprofit leaders and allies has been meeting since June 2020 to use our positional power to advocate for a more racially-just and equitable society; to establish a peer network of leaders committed to fighting white supremacy and systemic racism in ourselves and our institutions; and to hold each other accountable to the promises we made in the Nonprofit Racial Equity Pledge. The REAL coalition is broadly representative of the nonprofit community including human and community services, behavioral health and health, arts and culture, domestic violence, older adults, food distribution, education, environmental, farming, legal, disability rights, LGTBQ rights, ethnic, immigrant rights, housing and homelessness, criminal justice

reform, urban planning, and intermediary organizations, and others. Over 125 organizations have participated in the REAL coalition.

Signed by:

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FW: Re Item 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6: Labor and Community FY23-24 Budget Recommendations

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Greetings Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, the Santa Clara and San Benito County Building Trades Council and Working Partnerships USA, I would like to share the below recommendations on the Mayor's June Message, the Measure E Allocation, and the FY23-24 Operating Budget. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Jeffrey

Jeffrey Buchanan
Director of Public Policy
Working Partnerships USA
[redacted]

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

Thank you all for the incredible amount of work and thoughtfulness that each of you have put into the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget process and for your willingness to engage the community and working families on these important questions. As representatives of over 100,000 workers and their families across Santa Clara County we know the enormous needs facing San Jose and believe we need a budget that takes a comprehensive approach to solving our biggest problems: housing, homelessness and public safety.

After reviewing the memos submitted by Councilmembers we would encourage the Council to pass a June Budget Message and FY23-24 Operating Budget which:

- Adopts the 6/8 memo by Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz and Torres to keep the current allocation of Measure E dollars, which already balances funding interim shelter spending and permanent housing, and using additional funds from the General Fund Excess Fund Balance to support the funds needed for construction and operations of all of the City's FY23-24's planned interim shelter sites.
- Directs staff to find additional resources to fund the additional staffing and/or interim shelter needs identified in Councilmembers Cohen and Jimenez's 6/9 memo.
- Adopts the 6/9 memo from Councilmembers Davis, Ortiz, Torres, Batra and Doan to not accept the reduction in Med 30 recommended by staff, and to fund portion of MBA #21 identified in their memo through a reduction in the future deficit reserve.

Additionally, we encourage the City Council to vote no on the 6/9 memo from Mayor Matt Mahan to break with the City's promise to voters who passed Measure E in 2020, and to a broad coalition of labor, faith, community and developers who came together working with Mayor Liccardo and City Council to reach a difficult agreement to require any changes to the spending allocation of those funds to require super majority support by future Councils. We believe unraveling this requirement would be a major blow to our community's faith in this Council and future ballot measures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Cohen, Executive Officer, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council
David Bini, Executive Director, Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
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