

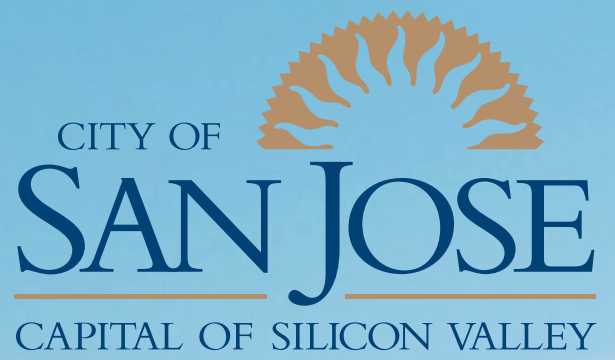


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CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY



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# City of San José Overview

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San José is the third-largest city in the state of California (population 971,233) and the 12th largest city in the nation. The city is rich with historical and cultural significance and is located on the ancestral and aboriginal homelands of First Nations indigenous people of the greater Santa Clara Valley. The City of San José continues to benefit from the use and occupation of these lands and acknowledges and supports First Nation People in solidarity to partner for a more equitable and inclusive future.

As one of the oldest cities in the state, San José was the one-time state capital shortly after California became a U.S. territory. The gold rush of 1849 and later arrival of railroads created significant growth, making San José a major commercial center for the area's agricultural products. Historically referred to as the 'Valley of the Heart's Delight,' San José has enjoyed an upbeat economy that has moved from farming and agriculture to advanced products such as materials used in space and high-performance electronics. San José's rich past of welcoming immigrants has contributed to the area being a center of innovation. San José is also home to, or birthplace of, transformative leaders such as the late César Chávez and the late Norman Mineta.

Diversity is a hallmark of San José, a city proud of the cultural and ethnic diversity of its population and workforce and the rich cultural identity of its many neighborhoods. City residents speak more than 50 different languages, and 40%

of residents were born outside of the U.S., including 52% of adult residents over the age of 25. According to the U.S. Census Bureau as of April 2021, San José residents are 37.2% Asian, 31.0% Latino, 25.1% White, 2.9% African American, and 3.8% other/two or more races. San José's diverse communities are resilient yet are disproportionately affected by several negative life outcomes including those related to health, income, and housing. The City aims to end these disparities and ensure that all communities thrive and prosper.

San José is constantly evolving—what was once a suburb of orchards in the Valley of Heart's Delight is now an urban city in the heart of transit service connections across the region. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and California High-Speed Rail have planned new routes to the City's centrally located Diridon Station, which is also scheduled for a major upgrade and expansion, along with an electrified Caltrain.

Technology has transformed San José into what it is today. It is known for its prominence in the development of semiconductors, computer-related technology, and advanced manufacturing. Headquartered in San José are industry giants Adobe Systems, BEA Systems, Cisco, and eBay as well as newer innovators like Zoom, Bloom Energy, Infinera, and Archer Aviation. Technology has brought significant innovation to San José, making it the fastest place in the country to go from ideation to production.



# Legislative Program Overview

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**The City of San José is a policy and innovation leader on the national and international stage. The City has adopted some of the most ambitious climate goals in the nation.**

In 2018, the City Council adopted Climate Smart San José, a detailed plan for reaching the targets of the international Paris Agreement. A year later, San José Clean Energy was launched, serving as the City's new electricity supplier and providing residents and businesses with cleaner and more affordable energy. Driven by its City Council, San José is currently working towards a 2030 carbon neutrality goal.

The City is looking to the future and prioritizing infrastructure upgrades to meet the effects of climate change and drought to ensure long-term sustainability and resiliency.

As a major U.S. city and regional influence, the City of San José is actively engaged in local, state, and federal advocacy processes to protect and amplify the interests of residents and businesses. The Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) advances San José's priorities through legislative advocacy at the state and federal level while also engaging in regional coordination aligned with City Council-approved legislative priorities. This includes advocating for new funding sources for City priorities. IGR maintains staff in the City Manager's Office (CMO) and works with advocacy firms to represent the City in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento in partnership with San José's state and federal delegations.

The 2024 Legislative Program outlines the advocacy focus for the City of San José to increase the quality of life for residents. These policy positions and priorities, approved by the Mayor and City Council, anchor the City's advocacy work in the 2024 state and federal legislative sessions.



**Legislative Program priorities and positions are centered around equity and inclusion for all San José residents.**

As the Capital of Silicon Valley, the City of San José seizes the opportunity for innovation. That includes innovating services, programs, policies, and systems that result in more equitable outcomes for residents. Equity is embedded throughout legislative priorities and positions in a way that addresses systemic inequalities and promotes equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of their race, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, or immigration status. An equity analysis ensures that decision-making does not further disadvantage people who are struggling or have been historically left behind, but rather informs policymaking to lift up communities so that all thrive in San José. The City has made a commitment to embed a racial equity practice and embody a culture that sustains it. As such, addressing disparities requires continuous conscientious efforts to prioritize the needs and desires of people who have been historically marginalized, underserved, and under resourced, and a practice of continued equitable innovation.

# 2024 Legislative Priorities

## Citywide Top Legislative Priorities that Guide the Positions in the Legislative Program

### REDUCE UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS, SUPPORT UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, AND INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY

Support flexibility in homelessness funding, pursue opportunities to fund the interim housing system and encampment services including environmental remediation. Support increased supply and funding for permanent affordable housing, and associated operating, safety net, and services funding. Support legislation that furthers affordable housing while maintaining local control of land use. This work will be executed with an equity lens aiming to remedy past government actions that have historically destabilized San José's communities of color and low-income communities and excluded these residents from accessing safe and stable housing.

### ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROMOTE VISION ZERO INITIATIVES

Support funding and policy change that helps reduce crime and makes residents feel safe in their neighborhoods and downtown. Seek to further initiatives and funding to reduce violence and harm from firearms. This work will be pursued with an equity lens to ensure all residents of San José's diverse communities have their rights and well-being protected. Advocate for legislation and local authority for cities to implement traffic safety measures and pilot initiatives to advance the City's Vision Zero goals. Support expanded funding for pedestrian and bicyclist safety infrastructure projects and to keep public right of way accessible and clear. This work will be prioritized for the City's most vulnerable residents and in areas that disproportionately suffer from fatal and severe traffic injury collisions.

### ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT FOSTER EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR SAN JOSÉ FAMILIES

Advocate for increased economic mobility opportunities and job creation citywide to solve for the impacts of inequality and poverty. Work with regional partners to further educational opportunities for San José residents and ensure equitable access to jobs in tech and advanced manufacturing. Further workforce development programs and mental health programming for youth in conjunction with regional partners. Through a coordinated regional approach, advocate for sustainable and meaningful funding and legislation that advance social, economic, environmental, educational, health, and political equity to eliminate persistent disadvantages and cycles of poverty produced by structural racism and systemic inequalities.

### CATALYZE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND CULTIVATE EQUITABLE INVESTMENT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Advocate for tools, resources and policies to address blight and ensure City streets, sidewalks and parks remain accessible and available for all. Promote funding and regulatory support for small businesses and vendors to thrive in the downtown core, including attracting private investment, and for increased access to public spaces. Ensure equitable distribution of funding throughout the City's neighborhoods, including investment in recreational areas and open space.

# 2024 Legislative Priorities

## PURSUE FUNDING FOR EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE, AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADVANCE SAN JOSÉ'S CLIMATE SMART GOALS

Advocate for new infrastructure and climate funding to prepare for the City's current and future demographic needs and build resilience against future environmental disasters. Support the modernization of infrastructure, including stormwater and wastewater, and environmental policies and regulations to expedite cost-effective project delivery. Support legislation and policy that furthers San José's 2030 Climate Smart goals and provides resources for the City's residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint. This work will be approached with an environmental justice framework to ensure infrastructure investments are targeted in areas that have a deficit in service and where investments make the whole system more sustainable and resilient for everyone.



# Elevating Equity

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The City of San José envisions a place where all people thrive and where no disparities exist. Addressing systemic inequities and promoting opportunities for everyone, regardless of their race, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, or immigration status increases access to prosperity for all.

## We Support:

- **Disadvantaged Communities and Low-Income Evaluation**

Support legislation to broaden the state’s definition of disadvantaged communities to include all socio-economically disadvantaged areas more equitably and better align with the needs of San José’s communities of concern. Support regulatory changes to state and federal funding allocations based on population size and/or local cost of living adjustments, and the revision of low-income guidelines to increase income eligibility above current state and federal poverty levels. Monitor and engage in efforts related to the update of the CalEnviroScreen metric and help communities in San José qualify for additional funding and Public Safety Power Shutoff notification programs by broadening the scope of disadvantaged communities. Update guidelines for programs and services such as, but not limited to, full and part-time childcare, health and mental health services, CalFresh, the Supplemental Nutrition Program, and workforce development programs, particularly for individuals with high school degrees or less.

- **Voting Rights**

Support the right to vote including the use of absentee ballots and early voting, as well as legislation that increases translated voting materials. Support legislation that furthers free and fair elections including court review of electoral maps to protect against racial and partisan gerrymandering.

- **Affirmative Action**

Support affirmative action and other race- and gender-conscious policies to provide all communities equitable opportunities in education, contracting, and employment.

- **LGBTQIA+ Rights and Marriage Equity**

Support legislation that protects and strengthens rights and protections for the LGBTQIA+ community, including marriage equality, and transgender individuals’ right to healthcare and gender identity expression.

- **Disability Access and Inclusion**

Support policies, funding and legislation to improve modalities of access and inclusion, including digital communications, education and training, building and infrastructure improvements, as well as community engagement with residents with disabilities. Pursue funding opportunities at the state and federal level to assist in the procurement of technology to ensure effective communication, accessibility and disability inclusion. Support policies and investments that increase access to services and improve life outcomes for people with disabilities, as disability intersects with all identities, including race and other structural forms of marginalization, and often leads to increased experiences of discrimination.

- **Language Access**

Support policies and investments that fund and create materials and services in the non-English languages most spoken in San José and support definitional standards that allow for additional languages to receive greater access based on future, changing demographics.



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- **Immigration**

Support policies that ensure and protect the rights of all immigrants regardless of immigration status, provide a pathway for citizenship or legal permanent residency, and promote welcoming and immigrant inclusion initiatives. Support policies that strengthen and expand refugee resettlement, expand temporary protected status protections, and provide pathways to permanent status for essential workers, undocumented immigrants, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients, and Documented Dreamers. Support policies that increase admissions, expand services and expedite protections for all humanitarian-based immigration, including asylum, temporary protected status, and parole. Support expansion of state and local funding for the influx of migrants arriving due to natural disasters, poverty, and violence.

- **Undocumented Benefits**

Support state and federal funding and legislation to increase access to disaster relief, affordable health insurance and services, including dental and mental health services. Expand food and housing resources and supports for those who are undocumented, without risk to immigration relief options.

## We Oppose:

- **Immigration Detention**

Oppose policies that separate immigrant or refugee families or require long-term detainment of families or individuals.

- **Violations of Immigrant Rights**

Oppose efforts that remove due process rights, undermine the humanity of immigrants and refugees, and weaken data privacy or confidentiality rights.

- **Barriers to Voting and Discriminatory Practices Barring Voters**

Oppose legislation that would discourage voter registration, fair voter access and/or discriminate against Black, Latino/a/x, Indigenous and People of Color communities.

- **Barriers to Language Access**

Oppose policies that increase barriers or maintain current language access standards.

- **Barriers to Disability Access**

Oppose policies that increase barriers to improved outcomes for people with disabilities.

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# San José Mineta International Airport

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The San José Mineta International Airport (Airport) will increase its functional and operational capacity to meet the growing demands for air transportation in Silicon Valley. This includes building a new terminal, adding airline infrastructure such as a freight facility, building the Airport Connector to Downtown, and growing auxiliary accommodations such as a hotel, garage parking, and other passenger amenities. While expanding the capacity to accommodate more passengers, the Airport also seeks to expand its commitment to sustainability and innovation. The Airport will be a critical transportation hub for the residents of Silicon Valley, incorporating a holistic approach to multimodal transportation solutions.

## We Support:

- **Operations and Funding**

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to facilitate and fund Airport operations, maintain flexibility to promote investment in the Airport, support additional air services, and enhance economic development. This includes funding for airport development and operations, improving accessibility, supporting local control (e.g., permitting, fees, and funding), and advancing electrification and other environmental projects.

- **Terminal Area Improvement**

Support the implementation of the San José Mineta International Airport Terminal Area Improvement Program, Phase II (new Terminal C development), including all precursor efforts needed to facilitate Phase II.

- **Demand Management Strategies**

Support legislation, regulations, and policies that authorize local aviation authorities to use demand management strategies to encourage more efficient allocation of air service in the region.

- **Sustainable Aviation Fuel**

Support policies and budget vehicles that incentivize the production, distribution, and integration of sustainable aviation fuel.

## We Oppose:

- **Increased Aircraft Noise**

Oppose legislation, policies, regulations, guidelines, or procedures that would result in an increase in aircraft noise impacts on San José residents without an increased benefit to the community.

- **Environmental Mandates**

Oppose mandatory environmental measures that will disqualify or reduce the eligibility of California Airports for Federal environmental mitigation grants.

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# Economic Development

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San José is committed to driving a vital, competitive, and inclusive economy that increases prosperity and quality of life for residents and businesses. This includes catalyzing job creation, private investment, revenue generation, and talent attraction and development without displacing existing businesses. San José will connect communities through multi-modal solutions to create diverse, inclusive, and livable urban places. There will be continued economic prosperity through a clear, consistent, and effective development process. The City supports the development of a rich arts and cultural environment to connect people, provide opportunities for active participation, and foster creativity.

## We Support:

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance**

Support and advocate for policies and additional state and federal funding to facilitate local business compliance with state and federal disability access laws, such as the ADA, and meet the needs of people with disabilities. This includes resources for ADA education, proactive accessibility compliance, grants to help small businesses upgrade their premises, and legal consultation.

- **Avoiding Small Business Displacement**

Support and advocate for policies and funding to help address displacement of small businesses when redevelopment activity occurs on commercial space/land. This includes financial assistance and support for very small businesses (fewer than 10 employees) and home-based businesses on rent relief, equipment for better safety standards, and the City's existing Storefront Grants.

- **Transit-Oriented Development**

Support legislation and funding at the state and federal levels that promotes transit supportive commercial uses, employment uses, affordable housing adjacent to transit, and anti-displacement measures. Support coordinated development of transportation facilities, including transit, with private development and complementary with the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) policy. Support a legislative approach that seeks to minimize residential and business displacement and ensure that new urban development is compatible with adjacent surrounding neighborhoods.

- **Urban Investment**

Support efforts that prioritize, incentivize and fund equitable investment in urban areas/downtowns, and that assist in building, preserving, and activating inclusive, comfortable and inviting urban public spaces.

- **Preservation of Industrial Land**

Support efforts that protect industrial lands and uses from conversion to other land uses and designations, including the protection of manufacturing sites.

- **Accessible Urban Development**

Support incentivizing mixed-use development and allowing for new development to have vibrant ground floor retail to create a livable and walkable City.

- **Job Creation**

Support state and federal economic development programs that will create jobs in San José, including changes to CalCompetes, state support of Opportunity Zones. Support employment services for justice-involved residents, and formerly or currently unhoused residents.

# Economic Development

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- **Youth Workforce Development**

Support policies and seek funding opportunities for the expansion of youth workforce development programs, such as AmeriCorp’s State and National grant program and the City’s Resilience Corps, that serve individuals with various barriers to employment and who live in San José’s low resource census tracts. Work with other cities and Big City Mayors Coalition to ensure sustainable long-term funding is allocated on an ongoing basis.

- **Food Vendor Regulation**

Support legislation that gives back local control to regulate, safely support, and facilitate mobile food vendors through effective enforcement mechanisms, while maintaining health and safety parameters, supporting small business, and addressing racial and socio-economic equity issues.

- **Cannabis Equity Assistance Program**

Support and advocate for additional funding cycles for the grant program under the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018.

- **Cannabis Banking**

Support legislation that provides access to traditional banking services for licensed cannabis businesses and protects the City’s ability to tax cannabis sales. Support legislation permitting FDIC banks to lend to cannabis businesses.

- **Cannabis Enforcement**

Support efforts on enforcement of unlicensed cannabis providers and protecting local control around cannabis regulations, including delivery.

- **Community Reinvestment Act**

Support protecting the Community Reinvestment Act and advocate to ensure financial institutions adequately serve the range of needs in San José for mortgage lending, multifamily financing, and small business financing. Support legislation that increases transparency in lending and the sale of financial products. Support efforts that change reinvestment act regulations so that funding can be utilized for affordable housing.

- **Funding for Placemaking and Art**

Support the integration of placemaking and public art as eligible elements and expenses for state and federal grant programs that provide infrastructure funding, such as transportation infrastructure. Support increasing funding for the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, agencies that provide critical grants to the City, local art organizations, and artists. Support increased funding for the arts through the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. This includes the integration of art in projects funded through federal grants.

- **Funding for City-owned Energy Efficiency and Electrification**

Support funding of capital improvements of City-owned facilities, including convention and cultural facilities, that will increase energy efficiencies and full building electrification, thereby advancing the City’s climate goals and decreasing utility costs.

- **Nonprofit and Small Business Capacity Building**

Support programs that fund or provide capacity building for nonprofits in San José. Support and assist in strengthening the small business and neighborhood district ecosystems by designing programs that build organizational and professional capacity in community-based organizations in San José.

- **Opportunities for Expanded Small Business Operations**

Support efforts to extend retail and hospitality business operations, similar to efforts implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic such as expanded outdoor seating, outdoor markets, the pedestrianization of public streets, and to-go cocktails.

# Economic Development

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- **Wage Theft Protections**

Support efforts to increase the wage theft protections for service workers. Support the creation and maintenance of a centralized public portal that makes available case data on all final judgments, decisions, orders, and awards from the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), including but not limited to the following divisions: Wage Claim Adjudication Unit, Bureau of Field Enforcement, and Public Works Unit. Support changes to DLSE policies that support workers in reclaiming their lost wages.

## We Oppose:

- **Transit-Oriented Development Mandates**

Oppose state legislation that establishes land use requirements around transit that impacts San José’s approach, or planning for, complete communities that include lands set aside for employment around transit nodes.

- **Commercial and Industrial Land Conversion**

Oppose the conversion of commercial and/or employment land to other uses such as residential without the opportunity for substantial local input and integration into local planning efforts. Oppose efforts that would allow for housing on or in close proximity to lands designated for industrial uses.



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# Healthy Communities

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San José will cultivate integrated systems, natural and built environments, and health services that support optimal health outcomes where people live, learn, work and play. The City will ensure our public spaces reflect the culture and history of San José’s unique and diverse neighborhoods and strengthen community pride and unity. San José will ensure that all residents have the resources they need to thrive and be healthy, including robust transit access, access to quality parks, and safe pathways for walking and bicycling.

## We Support:

- **Park Investment, Greenspace**

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to facilitate parks and recreation operations, promote investment in parks and protected open space, expand grants to acquire recreational land, and increase opportunities for children and families to have safe and stimulating spaces and programs during out-of-school hours.

- **Protection of Parks and Open Space**

Support efforts to protect the City’s greenspace and tree canopy, parklands, open space, and urban agriculture. This includes, but is not limited to, protecting open space in the Coyote Valley.

- **Environmental Justice**

Support open space acquisition and preservation in park-deficient neighborhoods, and park acquisition and rehabilitation. Support funding for parks, waterways, trails, trees, and gardens in low-income communities to achieve positive health impacts through physical fitness and increase access to play areas.

- **Civic Engagement**

Support programs and services that contribute to resident belonging and social cohesion, neighborhood engagement, and equitable stewardship of neighborhood organizations and groups.

- **Green Space Water Flexibility**

Support policies and legislation that encourage water use efficiency while preserving trees, functional grass, ornamental shrubs, and flowering plants in public parks.

- **Waste Removal**

Support broadening the definition of “residential rate payer” for waste expenditures to support community-wide efforts that decrease waste in landfills, scrap yards, on streets, and in waterways. Advocate for funding and legislation that helps ensure community safety from biohazards, supports residents living in recreation vehicles, and helps keep the City clean and accessible for all residents.

- **Blight Reduction and Neighborhood Beautification**

Support efforts to secure resources including state funding, and cooperation from partner agencies to equitably prevent and remove blight and ensure that communities are engaged in the process to cultivate clean, beautiful neighborhoods.

- **Pet Assistance and Resources**

Support funding and resources for animal care programs and pet-friendly legislation and policies that enable responsible pet ownership and helps low-income pet owners, including pet-friendly housing.

# Healthy Communities

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- **Transit First**

Support state and federal legislation and regulations that prioritize transit funding, development, and faster and more reliable transit on City streets. Support regional transportation plans and operations that prioritize public transit and transit integration. Support the implementation of the City Council-adopted Seamless Bay Area principles through state legislation that integrates transit planning and operations throughout the Bay Area. Support efforts to preserve and expand public transit options, particularly in low-income and car dependent-communities.

- **Parking Requirements Reform**

Support advancing policies to reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements and strengthen shared parking requirements, to allow for a more efficient use of the public right-of-way.

- **Reproductive Freedom Protection**

Support legislation that protects and promotes reproductive freedom including, but not limited to, the right and access to abortion and reproductive care, including access to information about abortion and reproductive care, without interference.

- **Public Health**

Support policies that ensure communities that historically faced economic and social marginalization have the systems, environments, and resources to achieve equitable health outcomes related to acute and chronic disease, and violence. Prioritization should include key disparity indicators. Support continued investment in future pandemic preparedness and response including support for vaccine access, outreach, and prioritization for communities of greatest need. Support efforts to enable substance abuse prevention and treatment.

- **Mental Health Services Funding**

Support and advocate for funding for local and state public entities, school districts Pre-K to 12th grade, social services and programs that increase access to mental health and behavioral services, social-emotional resources, and mobile mental health programs. Advocate for legislation that requires mental health benefits in both private and public insurance.

- **Universal Single-Payer Health Care**

Support legislation establishing comprehensive single-payer health care coverage for all California residents.

## We Oppose:

- **Parkland and Open Space Conversion**

Oppose laws or regulations that require—or make it easier to—convert existing parkland or open space to housing or other development.

- **Electronic Cigarettes and Flavored Tobacco**

Support state and federal legislation to prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products.

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# Homelessness

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San José will continue to address the root causes and racial inequities of homelessness through systems and policy change. This includes expanding homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the needs of the community. The quality of life for unsheltered individuals will be improved, creating healthy neighborhoods for all.

## We Support:

- **Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness**

Support ongoing, reliable funding and legislation for both construction and long-term operations for a variety of housing options for people experiencing homelessness. These include emergency housing, interim/bridge housing units, new permanent supportive housing apartments, and supportive sleeping and parking programs.

- **Homelessness Funding**

Support additional, flexible homelessness funding opportunities in partnership with the Big Cities Mayors Coalition and regional partners. Advocate for increased permanent capital and operational funding for interim shelter (bridge housing and emergency interim housing), hotel/motel conversions, supportive sleeping and parking, and new permanent affordable housing so that high-acuity people experiencing homelessness can access housing and shelter. Support funding for homeless services programs and outreach to people who are unsheltered as they wait for a housing placement. Support legislation to permanently lift the Community Development Block Grant public services cap to provide additional funding flexibility.

- **Mental Health Partnerships**

Support legislation, funding, and policies that provide more resources for new or enhanced programs that serve to support the severely mentally ill, dually diagnosed, and unhoused in Santa Clara County. Coordinate with the County on strategies to enhance staffing levels for outpatient and inpatient services, including partnerships with local universities to improve the pipeline of mental health professionals.

- **Mental Health Funding**

Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance, and the Services, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to provide a steady source of income and health insurance for people with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness. Advocate for funding for social services and programs that provide direct support to the community, including mobile mental health programs and community health spaces connected to affordable housing that offer mental health services and other health programs.

- **Bridge Housing**

Support extending AB 2176 (2016) and subsequently AB 143 (2019) which allow the City to construct bridge housing for homeless residents under the City's own standards during a declared shelter crisis, thereby streamlining the construction process.

- **Encampment Services**

Support funding for encampment services including sanitary and environmental remediation.

- **Homelessness Prevention and Services**

Support homelessness prevention services that reduce residents' likelihood of losing their homes in the short-term. Support and advocate for initiatives and sufficient resources to provide services (both social and sanitary needs) to people experiencing homelessness that improve their quality of life and health outcomes.

# Homelessness

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- **Street Outreach**

Support and prioritize programs that fund outreach teams to educate and enroll residents experiencing homelessness into systems of care so they can receive needed services and be prioritized for housing.

- **Funding for Homelessness Implementation Plan**

Support and advocate for funding that supports implementation of the Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness.

## We Oppose:

- **Unbalanced Approaches**

Oppose unbalanced approaches to funding critically needed permanent supportive housing while addressing short-term housing needs for residents experiencing homelessness. Resources and policies must fully support the continuum of housing and service needs, rather than just one or the other.

- **Unsafe Living Conditions**

Oppose housing solutions that could produce health or safety emergencies, or other hazardous situations caused by unsafe living conditions.

- **Homelessness Funding Restrictions**

Oppose any increased restrictions on uses of state homeless funding or the reduction of funding amounts.

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# Housing

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San José will have abundant and affordable housing stock and sufficient housing for people experiencing homelessness and for those facing housing instability. Through housing stability, the City will cultivate opportunities for all residents to build wealth. San José will have healthy, thriving neighborhoods with access to good jobs, schools, and transportation. Our neighborhoods will overcome past and present segregation and be racially and socially inclusive.

## We Support:

- **Zoning and Planning**

Support housing and land use legislation that fits the needs of charter cities and larger cities. Support legislation that allows greater zoning and building code flexibility for cities addressing homelessness. Work with the legislature to ensure that land use legislation does not preclude the City from retaining land that is designated for commercial/employment uses only.

- **CEQA Exemptions**

Support state legislation that streamlines or amends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for land use regulation by cities, multi-modal transportation plans and projects, or through the citizen initiative process. Expand exemption or categorical exemption for opportunity zones, urban infill projects, emergency shelters, interim homeless housing, supportive housing, supportive sleeping and parking, dense affordable housing already regulated by other state or federal regulations, and multi-modal projects such as new and upgraded transit, trails, and major bikeways. Support CEQA modifications to protect against abuse leading to frivolous lawsuits while maintaining local control.

- **Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) CEQA Streamlining**

Support an environmental review process that is streamlined and efficient when developing a site for emergency interim housing. Support regulatory clarity from the state on the applicability or possible efficiencies to CEQA reviews for EIH construction that will speed up the delivery of that service.

- **Housing Stabilization and Eviction Prevention**

Support eviction prevention and foreclosure prevention legislation, including additional funding for homelessness prevention, to protect both tenants and property owners. Support significant additional funding to provide legal assistance to tenants facing eviction court without legal representation, and to support jurisdiction and court costs for eviction diversion programs, mandatory settlement conferences, and Housing Collaborative Courts to avoid evictions and improve renters' access to resources and services. Advance state legislation that requires more information related to evictions be accessible same day to jurisdictional and court cases, including filings of unlawful detainers and notices to pay or quit, to help jurisdictions and nonprofits intervene immediately to avoid evictions. Support financial assistance needed to stabilize restricted-affordable and regulated apartments that are most impacted by lower-income residents' inability to pay rents to avoid the many negative effects of evictions.

- **Tenant Protections and Anti-Displacement**

Support the allocation of sufficient state and federal resources to tenant protections and anti-displacement initiatives, including funding for fair housing enforcement, education, and robust community engagement activities. Support and sponsor legislation that affirms the use of tenant preferences for anti-displacement. Support legislation that allows and reimburses local government to help educate on and enforce state laws that stabilize rents, provide just cause eviction protections, and prevent discrimination against housing voucher holders. Support legislation to advance laws and resources for tenant protections, the preservation of affordable housing including mobile homes, and other residential anti-displacement programs and policies. Support legislation that will address rent increases in Low Income Housing Tax Credit and deed restricted affordable housing developments.



# Housing

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- **Housing Production and Increased Housing Supply**

Support, monitor and help shape legislation intended to facilitate housing production by cities, particularly legislation directed at cities that are not producing housing, to ensure it does not have unintended consequences for San José. Support efforts that would provide financial incentives for cities that meet or exceed their residential housing goals. Support resources and policies that help affordable housing production and preservation, along with supportive service provision that helps residents remain housed. Programs and policies should prioritize and allocate funding to cities like San José in ways that fit the City’s dense development patterns, high costs, need for deeply affordable homes, and unusual housing/jobs balance. Funding should be commensurate with Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals.

- **Housing Construction Cost Stabilization**

Support efforts to address the increasing cost of housing construction, such as training programs for the construction trades, encouraging modular and cross-laminated timber housing, and development of cost-efficient materials and technologies markets.

- **Affordable Homes by Design**

Support legislation that validates the use of land use tools to promote creation of affordable housing, including ADUs and “affordable by design” densification.

- **Affordable Housing Funding**

Support and protect existing and increase funding sources for affordable housing including homeless housing. This includes expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the lowering of bond thresholds.

- **Preservation and Upgrades to Existing Affordable Housing**

Support legislation and programs to fund preservation of existing unrestricted affordable homes, including life and safety rehabilitation, energy efficiency and electrification upgrades, accessibility, and seismic safety improvements.

- **Financial Incentives**

Support the creation of land use and financial tools, and the flexibility of existing tools, to encourage and incentivize developments of restricted affordable housing, including homeless housing, bridge housing, and mixed-income housing. Support legislation or regulation changes which give San José projects a competitive edge for tax-exempt bonds and tax credits for affordable housing. Advocate for legislation and work regionally with partners on financial products and programs that support restricted affordable apartments and ADUs for residents at all income levels, control escalation of rents, and deliver sufficient public benefit as compared to cost. Support legislation that reinforces the City’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and other affordable housing tools to maximize flexibility on different ways developers could deliver affordable units.

- **High Density Infill Development Incentives**

Support efforts that would create financial incentives for local municipalities that encourage the production of higher density housing in their city.

- **Rental Vouchers**

Support and advocate at the state and federal levels, together with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and other regional entities, for additional rental vouchers to meet local needs and expand housing choices of residents experiencing homelessness, other vulnerable populations, and low-income participants in job training programs. Support increased funding of all types of rental voucher programs that support formerly homeless households, other vulnerable households, and job training participants. Ensure that program rules and allocations are appropriate for high-rent areas and allow significant project-basing to leverage capital investments.

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- **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

Support, increase and protect the effectiveness of laws to affirmatively further fair housing at the state and federal levels. Engage in and support efforts at the state and federal levels to permit race-targeted or race-conscious housing and community development assistance in jurisdictions where there are documented findings of past race-based housing discrimination.

- **Neighborhood Investment**

Support additional resources, programs, and approaches that allow the City to prioritize areas needing investments and services that are also racially segregated to promote real and fair housing choices for all residents across the city.

- **Rent Stabilization**

Support flexibility for cities experienced with rent stabilization programs to determine program parameters appropriate for their local markets, and support cities' ability to communicate about and help enforce state laws on rent stabilization and tenant protections that interact with local ordinances. This includes supporting state legislation to amend Costa-Hawkins to give additional flexibility to jurisdictions with pre-1995 rent control ordinances to define parameters of their programs, including the definition of covered units.

- **Rent to Own**

Support legislation that promotes residents' right to purchase their rental units.

- **Community Land Trusts**

Support legislation and programs that support community land trusts through provision of resources and competitive funding program scoring benefits.

- **Regional Coordination**

Support legislation that enables the Bay Area to act in unison to meet the region's needs for affordable housing production and preservation, tenant protections, and homelessness strategies. Support legislation that expands the use of underutilized public lands as homeless housing solutions.

- **Mobile Home Park Inspections**

Support state legislation or propose a pilot with the State Department of Housing and Community Development for the City to provide local inspections of mobile home parks, share information on state requirements, and receive state reimbursement to offset local staffing costs.

- **Relocation Benefits**

Support clean-up legislation for Senate Bill 330 (2019) to refine the calculation of relocation benefits paid to displaced households and to exempt units that are already covered under the Ellis Act or other programs with existing tenant benefits.

- **Homeownership**

Support first-time homeownership funding and expanded programs. Support legislation that aims to close the racial homeownership gap.

- **Market Rate Housing**

Support legislation that removes barriers to housing construction. This includes supporting legislation that incentivizes condominium development. Support reform to California's construction defect laws to allow for development while still protecting condominium homeowners. Support legislation that allows prospective condominium owners to reserve units pre-construction with deposits but ensures that deposits are returned to depositors should projects not proceed.



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## We Oppose:

- **Zoning and Planning Restrictions**

Oppose state land use legislation that precludes the City from retaining land that is designated for commercial/employment uses only.

- **Housing Production Mandates**

Oppose legislation intended to facilitate housing production by cities, particularly legislation directed at cities that are not producing housing, that has unintended consequences for San José.

- **Housing Ordinance Mandates**

Oppose state legislation that would weaken the City's ability to enforce its Apartment and Mobilehome Rent Ordinances and its Housing Payment Equality Ordinance.

- **Simplistic Frameworks**

Oppose programs that have singular or overly simplistic objectives, such as over-emphasizing awards based on cost-efficiency or only placing housing near transit, which can exacerbate existing housing inequities and are insufficiently flexible for our complex operating environment and many goals. The City serves a wide range of residents' needs in many different types of settings across a large geography.



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# Local Control and Fiscal Stability

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San José will maintain fiscal stability and resiliency, guided by sound budgeting and accounting principles, and will produce an annual budget that aligns ongoing expenditures with ongoing revenues. The City will manage healthy operating and capital funds while providing sufficient resources for equitable delivery of City services and continued operation of the City's facilities. The City will make targeted investments in our most vulnerable populations, neighborhoods, and businesses, and will leverage state and federal funding to maximize the impact to communities. San José will maintain legislative and regulatory authority in policy areas pertaining to city functions. The City will seek to maintain local control over land use and zoning issues. San José will also advocate for protection over the ability to regulate and tax cardroom activities.

## We Support:

- **Decreased Voter Thresholds**

Support efforts to reduce the approval threshold of taxes and bonds for transportation and infrastructure funding measures, including those for affordable housing, to less than a two-thirds majority vote. Support efforts to protect the approval of general-purpose funding measures by a simple majority vote.

- **Integrated Financing Districts**

Support and explore legislation that would retroactively freeze the property tax base year for purposes of any future Integrated Financing Districts in San José.

- **Advance Refunding Bonds**

Support federal legislation that will restore municipality's ability to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds.

- **State Mandate Reimbursement**

Support funding and policies that ensure local governments are adequately reimbursed for state-mandated programs.

- **Local Control**

Support and advocate for efforts that allow more decisions to be made at the local level.

- **Cardrooms**

Support legislation and regulations that allow the City to regulate and tax cardroom activities. Engage with the legislature and regulators on rules that clarify player-dealer rotation practices and preserve the ability of cardrooms to offer California games.

- **Grant Streamlining**

Support legislation and regulations that streamline and simplify application processes for federal, state and regional competitive funding programs.

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## We Oppose:

- **Municipal Bond Limits**  
Oppose efforts to abolish or limit tax exemption on municipal bonds.
- **Financial Reporting Mandates**  
Oppose mandates for use of specific technologies for financial reporting and disclosure purposes.
- **Excess Insufficient Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Reallocation**  
Oppose state shifts of local property tax revenue from excess ERAF that are used to fund critical city services.
- **Limits on Local Control**  
Oppose legislation and regulation that removes or limits local control from zoning and land use decisions. Oppose efforts that make it more difficult for the City to raise revenue.
- **Unfunded Mandates**  
Oppose legislation and regulation that sets requirements for additional services, without appropriate funds to support implementation, staffing, training, and sustaining the program.

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# Safer San José

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San José will steward community trust to keep the City safe – whether that be through traffic safety, emergency preparedness, or crime prevention. The City will prioritize equitable street safety to ensure that all users – whether traveling by bike, foot, transit, or car – are safe. In preparation for the next disaster, City services will be sustained with support from businesses and individuals acting as resilience partners. The City will maintain sufficient staffing and resources to allow for a holistic community response and recovery, especially for our most vulnerable residents. San José will be a safe and equitable place for all through community partnerships that prevent and respond to crime with 21st century policing practices. All residents of San José’s diverse communities are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect; their rights will be protected, and they will receive equal protection under the law.

## We Support:

- **Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives**

Support ongoing efforts to achieve Vision Zero traffic safety goals to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Support proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with Vision Zero.

- **Local Flexibility**

Support polices with the California City Transportation Initiative (CaCTI) to advance additional flexibility to ensure safety and accessibility for all users.

- **Automated Speed Enforcement Tools**

Support automated Speed Enforcement tools, explore penalties and increased awareness of violations for drivers, and establish speed limits based on context-sensitive methods aimed at protecting vulnerable roadway users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and older adults. Support funding for implementation of automated speed enforcement tools.

- **Reduced Community Transportation Costs**

Support legislation and funding to reduce the cost of transit fares and other transportation and mobility costs for low-income communities.

- **Disaster Response and Preparedness**

Support dedicated state and federal funding for City staff to have the training, tools, and facilities to prepare for and respond to an emergency. Support legislation and funding for the development of emergency management staffing, programs and facilities, including Community Resource Centers. Advocate for resources that support the long-term management of current and future emergencies, including adapting to environmental threats as they evolve. Support and work with the Disaster Readiness for Safer Communities Coalition on development of legislation to provide funding to local government and the community to prepare for and respond to natural and human-caused disasters to support resiliency. Support and advocate for federal emergency preparedness and adaptation funds, including Urban Areas Security Initiative funds.

- **Disaster Response, Mitigation, and Recovery**

Support local government flexibility in regulations, program implementation, and processes due to pandemics and other future emergencies, including ensuring local governments can continue to meet remotely during state emergency events that limit in-person meetings. Support and advocate for resources and policies to protect the health, safety, and economic viability of residents and businesses in San José during disaster recovery, including testing and vaccinations, services to the unhoused, isolation support, re-employment workforce development, small business recovery, food and essential necessities distribution, digital equity, and childcare support for the City’s most vulnerable populations.



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- **Emergency Management System Equity**

Support state legislative reforms that make it easier to prepare for emergencies, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure universal access to emergency alert systems. Support policies that address emergency preparedness staffing, planning, training, and response needs for vulnerable community members with access and functional needs, including at-risk seniors, children, and individuals with language barriers.

- **Emergency Housing**

Support emergency temporary and interim housing solutions so that people can shelter-in-place during emergency events. Support residential and commercial eviction moratoriums related to disaster impacts.

- **Active Shooter Training**

Support legislation requiring schools to conduct active shooter/mass casualty drills. Support efforts to secure funding for law enforcement to provide training and additional officers to better protect schools and large public events from active shooters.

- **Emergency Medical Services**

Support autonomy for the Fire Department to provide a full range of services. Support legislation to expand transport destination options (other than Emergency Rooms) for patients receiving pre-hospital care by first responders. Support funding for the Med 30 position within the Fire Department.

- **Cost Recovery for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services**

Support and ensure adequate compensation for mutual aid and transport activities.

- **Domestic Violence Response**

Support legislation and funding that improves services and response to domestic violence survivors. Protect human rights policies that benefit survivors, and advocate for increased funding from the state and the federal government to support domestic violence services for survivors and their families. At the federal level, support full funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA).

- **Illegal Firework Prevention**

Support and collaborate with county, state, and federal partners to explore legislation that bans the use of fireworks statewide and increases the prosecution of violators. Seek potential state and federal funding sources that will enable the City to further invest in enforcement mechanisms and programs to deter firework use.

- **Violence Prevention and Intervention**

Support policies and legislation that support and fund youth violence prevention and early intervention strategies.

- **Pretrial Release Improvements**

Support policies and legislation that improve the pretrial release decision-making process by ensuring that judges have access to complete criminal history information, against the background of community protection and public safety concerns. Support state and federal legislation to permit restrictions to zero bail policies for crimes that severely impact community safety.

- **Hate Crime Prevention**

Support legislation that would address ongoing safety concerns and help prevent acts of violence motivated by hate, including improving data collection and reporting. Expand California's "criminal threat" statute (Penal Code 422(a)) to include mass shooting-related threats. Support legislation and funding to prevent and address anti-Asian hate crimes.

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- **Porch Theft Penalties**

Support legislation that would make entering the curtilage of a residence with the intent to commit theft of a package delivered through the mail or through a public or private carrier, a violation of the law and subject to punishment for burglary.

- **Prevention of Serial Petty Theft and Organized Theft Rings**

Support state legislation to address retail theft rings and serial petty theft suspects. Support state legislation to recover stolen catalytic converters, prevent vehicle theft, accessories and prohibit possession of used (removed from vehicle) catalytic converter(s) without valid proof of ownership and vehicle of origin.

- **Law Enforcement History Training**

Support legislation requiring police training in the history and use of law enforcement in the U.S. that explores disproportionate expectations of justice through the examination of high-profile historical events, which affect perceptions of law enforcement among diverse community members.

- **First Responder Mental Health and Wellness**

Support state and federal legislation to support peace officer, firefighter, and first responder safety through mandates and funding for drug and alcohol early intervention programs and increased mental health resources. Support state and federal legislation to design, build and staff first responder wellness centers throughout California in identified and centrally located law enforcement and fire service regions.

- **Statewide Training Standards for Responding to Protests**

Support and seek opportunities to collaborate with external and internal partners to establish statewide standards for responding to protests based on best practices. Based on a collaborative body of research, support California legislation to provide statewide standards and metrics for law enforcement response to heightened civil protests, emergent activity with combined property damage, and ongoing threats to local communities.

- **Alternative Service Models**

Support state legislation that funds and enables new service models to address public safety challenges, such as the police service models that address mental health, homelessness, or other social problems. Support state and federal legislation to support community partnerships and fully fund coordinated police response models including Mobile Crisis Assessment Team and Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to attain 24/7 availability. Support state and federal legislation to improve public safety with coordinated response programs by providing funding for rapid intervention and de-escalation for those in mental health or psychiatric crises, and suicide prevention.

- **21st Century Policing De-escalation Practices**

Support federal, state, and local funding and legislation promoting 21st Century police practices, policies, and technology to assist law enforcement in de-escalating community threats and suspect encounters.

- **Human Trafficking Prevention**

Support and advocate expansion of California Department of Justice efforts to combat human trafficking and support efforts giving law enforcement new tools to protect Californians from becoming victims of human trafficking. Additionally, support measures that provide funding for combatting human trafficking. Support sentencing enhancements and increased penalties for serial human trafficking cases. Support state and federal legislation to establish regional law enforcement human trafficking intelligence task forces and combined law enforcement operations for multi-jurisdictional investigations, leading to arrests and rescues.



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- **Sexual Assault Prevention and Prosecution**

Support efforts to prevent sexual assault, including efforts to increase funding levels, provide new tools for law enforcement, and support collaboration across agencies. Support state and federal legislation creating sentencing guidelines where the level of an offender's intoxication (alcohol, drugs) cannot be used to show lack of culpability for committing sexual assault offenses.

- **Gun Violence Prevention**

Support efforts to reduce gun violence, including supporting legislation that prevents theft and unauthorized usage, addresses un-serialized firearms and gun kits, and allows employers, co-workers and teachers to request a gun violence restraining order. Support a state tax, insurance, or fee-based approach to gun violence harm reduction and urge legislation that removes local preemption. Work with the City's elected representatives and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office to monitor progress toward the expansion and improvement of California's Red Flag laws and lend support where necessary.

- **Concealed Carry Permit Issuance Regulations**

Support and advocate for state and federal legislation that outline reasonable restrictions for concealed carry weapons license issuance. This includes specified safety training, character references, psychological evaluations at the applicants cost, and updating authorized cost recovery in processing applications. Support legislation which prohibits the issuance of concealed carry permits to applicants with history of controlled substance abuse, alcohol abuse, violent acts, and/or gun violations and establishes parameters for applications being deemed suitable.

- **Vehicle Code and Traffic Investigations**

Support state and federal legislation to assist in felony hit and run incident investigations. Advocate for legislation to require Department of Motor Vehicle registrations, and federally regulated motor carriers to include additional information on registration paperwork: (a) Model of Vehicle, (b) Color of Vehicle, and (c) Insurance information of owner.

- **Rail Safety Improvements**

Support federal and state legislation, funding and regulatory updates for cities to plan, implement and maintain safety improvements at rail crossings and corresponding rights-of-way, and for flexibility to adjust the safety features in urban environments to reduce public health impacts.

- **Towing Flexibility and Incentives**

Support state legislation that protects the City's ability to remove abandoned or inoperable vehicles to preserve public safety, and legislation that provides financial incentives or removes financial barriers for tow operators to sell towed vehicles that are never claimed, in order to reduce abandoned and neglected vehicles on the City's streets.

- **Sideshow Regulations**

Support amending the state vehicle code and penal code to mandate fines for first time attendees and an increasing schedule of fines. This includes criminal sanctions for people who informally or otherwise encourage, promote, advertise, or sponsor sideshows through social media or other forms of communication.

- **Opioid and Methamphetamine Regulation**

Support state and federal legislation that gives localities additional tools to address opioid and methamphetamine supply, distribution, and prevent overdose deaths.

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## We Oppose:

- **Funding Restrictions**  
Oppose federal action to withhold public safety funds based on local immigration policies.
- **Cost Recovery Reductions for Fire and Emergency Medical Services**  
Oppose any efforts to shift costs from private Emergency Medical Service providers to the City.
- **Nitrous Oxide Sales**  
Oppose sales of nitrous oxide at smoke shops and liquor stores.
- **Emergency Communications De-encryption**  
Oppose state and federal legislation to de-encrypt digital Emergency Communications.

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# Supporting Families

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San José will provide a welcoming and inclusive quality of life for all children, youth, and their families in partnership with educational leaders, families, community-based organizations, and businesses. San José will be responsive to the needs of all children and youth, especially those from low-income, underserved, and marginalized communities. The City of San José will be a place where all children and youth, from birth through young adulthood, will feel safe, supported, and valued, and will have the resources and supports to succeed and prosper in home, school, and the community. San José will promote and protect freedoms of thought and expression, as well as the freedom to explore new information and ideas from a variety of viewpoints.

## We Support:

- **Early Education**

Support and advocate for legislation that increases financial resources including revision of low-income guidelines for the provision of birth to five early education. Advocate for funds to support early education among license-exempt programs that are evidence-based, and support Head Start and other state and federal childcare/preschool programs. Support funding for programming that supports Kindergarten readiness. Increase funding to expand full-time Transitional Kindergarten, particularly in low-income communities and schools.

- **Out-of-School Time Programming**

Support and advocate for legislation and increased funding for out-of-school time programming, specifically for low-income families and communities of concern in high cost-of-living areas. Support increasing income eligibility for low to moderate income working families to qualify for state and federally funded programs. Continue to advocate for financial support for summer lunch/snack programs for school-aged children and their families and increased funding for mentorship programs that support youth. Through the School/City Collaborative, coordinate with school districts, community-based organizations, and other out-of-school time stakeholders to further align and discuss state funding opportunities for expanded learning to leverage efforts and align community priorities. Support efforts to expand and strengthen curriculum and learning outcomes in out-of-school time care.

- **Afterschool Childhood Recreation and Camps**

Support legislative clarification on the definitions of and requirements for afterschool and camp programs to ensure they meet programmatic goals and community needs. Protect and increase state and federal funding for youth violence, gang intervention, prevention, and recreation based social safety net programs.

- **Access to Higher Education**

Support increased funding for community colleges to reduce enrollment costs through scholarships, decreased tuition, and wrap-around supports such as affordable housing and food. Support increased funding for California public colleges and universities that promotes increased enrollment, graduation rates, and closes the equity and achievement gap. Support legislation and funding that bolsters transition services for high school students to community colleges and higher education institutions, particularly for low-income communities and high schools with disproportionately low rates of graduation.

- **Electronic Book Licenses to Libraries and Schools**

Support legislation that requires digital books to be licensed to libraries as they are licensed to consumers and requires that digital books be licensed on reasonable terms.

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- **Resources for Foster Youth**

Support increased funding for case-management and transitional supports and resources for youth in foster care. Support school services, mental health services, housing, college/career/vocational training support and guidance, access to health services, and access to childcare. Advocate for continued resources and supports for up to a year after children/youth are no longer in foster care to ensure continued access to resources and supports. Support homelessness prevention and access to affordable housing for foster youth.

- **Seniors**

Support additional funding through the City’s Senior Health and Wellness Grant Program to support increased chronic disease education, especially diabetes management and prevention. Support funding to expand current health and wellness workshops being offered at neighborhood centers by community health partners. Support programs and services that increase independent living and reduce social isolation.

- **Food Security**

Support funding and legislation to increase access to programs that address food insecurity and work to eradicate hunger.

- **Workers’ Rights**

Support legislation that holds employers that destroy or withhold passports or other immigration documents from their workers accountable and requires employers to provide their employees with a “Workers Bill of Rights.”



# Supporting Families

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- **Family Friendly Workplaces**

Support legislation and funding that improves the workplace for parents and families, including access to quality childcare, private lactation accommodations, and parental leave. Improve access and reduce barriers to quality childcare including increasing the income eligibility for state and federally funded programs and support efforts to increase funding for a continuum of childcare options, for infants to age 12.

- **Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault in the Workplace**

Support legislation to prevent and address sexual harassment in the workplace. This includes supporting legislation to protect employees from sexual assault in their places of work.

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

Support increased funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to assist low-income, multilingual families with tax preparation assistance.

- **Tax Credit Expansion**

Support increased funding for tax credits that support families with children. Support increased funding for education on the Earned Income Tax Credit process particularly in low-income, underserved, multilingual communities.

- **Banking and Financial Services**

Support equitable and accessible public banking services and tools to promote financial inclusion. Support efforts to increase regulation and enforcement of predatory lending. Support funding and legislation that increases access to credit, including for first-time home buyers. Advocate for changes to public and private loan requirements that penalize low-income families that have low FICO scores or limited credit history and support financial literacy programs.

## We Oppose:

- **Interest Rate Disparities**

Oppose regulation that requires low-income individuals to be given higher interest rates than borrowers from higher-income families and communities.

- **Digital Access Embargoes**

Oppose legislation and regulations that embargo digital content licenses to libraries.

- **Limits on Intellectual Freedom**

Oppose legislation and regulations that limit a person's access to information and legal content.

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# Sustainability/Resiliency: Air

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San José will be a leader in reducing carbon emissions from City-owned facilities and vehicles and encouraging its residents and businesses to join that effort to maintain healthy air quality for all. The San José–Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility will continue to implement its Capital Improvement Program to enhance the facility’s performance while reducing emissions of toxic air contaminants, odors, criteria air pollutants, and greenhouse gases.



# Sustainability/Resiliency: Air

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## We Support:

- **Air Quality and Climate Incentives**

Support policies that provide financial incentives for Distributed Energy Resources and electrification projects in private and public sector development, including those that reduce criteria air contaminants and high global warming potential pollutants. Support incentive programs that address decarbonization such as electric heat pump hot water heaters. Support policies that reduce emissions and mitigate climate impacts from consumption of goods and the disposal of solid waste. Support policies that increase our tree canopy as a measure to improve air quality.

- **Carbon Accounting**

Support policies that establish a carbon accounting standard, designate a tracking mechanism, and create an entity to manage carbon accounting on a statewide, regional, or federal level. Support, fund, and enhance existing programs that create carbon accounting such as utility and water benchmarking.

- **Building Decarbonization**

Support policies that encourage adaptive reuse of existing structures and provide financial incentives for zero-net-carbon buildings, especially for affordable housing, small businesses, and all-electric buildings. Support Distributed Energy Resource projects in public and private sector development, and promote green building and retro-commissioning practices that reduce toxics and indoor air contaminants. Support the state's effort to establish 3 million climate-ready and climate-friendly homes by 2030 and 7 million homes by 2035.

- **Cap-and-Trade**

Support Cap-and-Trade programs that benefit key City priorities and the Climate Smart San José strategy including the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, High Speed Rail, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, and energy resiliency investments at critical facilities, including community centers and fire stations. Permit local jurisdictions and airports to allocate Cap-and-Trade allowances towards community funds or programs that they deem appropriate and mitigate impacts in low-income communities beyond traditional environmental investments. Support policies that ensure that the Cap-and-Trade market is financially robust.

- **Zero Emission Mobility**

Support growth in the use of zero-emission vehicles, other clean mobility choices and low carbon fuels. Advocate for funding and explore public-private partnerships to expand equitable access to electric vehicle infrastructure and zero-emission shared and public options. Designate revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes, or government grants and loans, to local or municipal government entities. Support sufficient and dedicated electric vehicle rebate funding and other relevant clean mobility program funding, especially for low-income communities.

- **Greening the Fleet**

Support funding for transitioning all City vehicles to the lowest-emission vehicles practical for the job use, and infrastructure to maintain and operate those vehicles by 2030. The maintenance and operational efficiency should be economically examined with the environmental impact of the operation and maintenance of any vehicle class, as should potential resiliency benefits of fleet electric vehicles (i.e., vehicle-to-grid opportunities). Support and advocate for realistic implementation delays to support a successful and efficient fleet transition.

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# Sustainability/Resiliency: Climate Smart

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San José will utilize the Climate Smart San José strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the City's progress towards a carbon neutrality goal of 2030. The City will focus these efforts on the transportation, buildings, and power source sectors to maximize impact. The City will continue to develop and implement zero-waste programs that meet or exceed state regulations as well as provide ease of use and exceptional value to customers.

## We Support:

- **Urban Greening Projects**

Support and advocate for new funding and greater alignment of existing regional, state, and federal funding to support equity-focused urban greening projects that promote the rapid incorporation of green streets, green infrastructure for stormwater management, parks, and streets related infrastructure for climate adaptation. This includes preservation, protection, and enhancement of the urban tree canopy to reduce heat-island effects and public-health impacts of extreme heat, and other nature-based strategies throughout the City. This is especially critical in lower-income areas and areas of historical disinvestment as highlighted through racial equity analyses.

- **Public Goods Charge**

Support policies that allow regulatory agencies to assign administration of all or part of the Public Goods Charge Funds to the California Energy Commission and local governments (including community choice aggregators).

- **Climate Equity and Inclusion**

Support policies that provide financial and technical assistance to low-income residents and communities of color to prevent and reduce disproportionate impacts of climate change. Support investment and innovative technology in environmental justice communities to address the disproportionate burden of pollution and heat island effects, including funding to convert unused or underutilized sections for roadway right-of-way to neighborhood parks, urban greening, and/or forestry projects.

- **Transportation Mode Change**

Support funding, programs, and legislation that prioritizes growth in the use of sustainable modes of transportation including transit, biking, and other alternatives to single-occupancy autos. Support designating revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes to local or municipal government entities.

- **Solid Waste Program Funding**

Support solid waste-related legislation that would add funding to local jurisdictions like the California Bottle Bill's deposit payment. Support legislation to expand eligible products under the beverage container redemption program. Support legislation to adopt a statewide landfill surcharge with an exemption for locally enacted landfill fees or other statewide solutions for low-cost regional landfills. Support funding to develop organics diversion and recycling infrastructure. Support funding for implementation of unfunded mandates, waste reduction, compliance, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions related to waste processing and disposal. Support efforts that require material recovery facilities to pay a living wage to employees.

- **Environmental Funding**

Support funding for stormwater infrastructure and waterways to address pollutants of concern that will help improve water quality. Support funding for renewable energy projects, clean mobility programs and zero-net-carbon building projects and technologies. Support legislation that will enable local governments to implement financial reductions for building improvement programs for residents. Support efforts to increase funding for wastewater treatment facility infrastructure.



# Sustainability/Resiliency: Climate Smart

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- **Climate Funding**

Support funding for local governments to enact programs and policies that measurably reduce local and global greenhouse gas emissions, including switching from fossil fuel technologies. Promote funding opportunities for climate-related work. Support state and federal funding for programs that support the City's Climate Smart goals and environmental programs, including greenhouse gas emissions reductions, ensuring a sustainable water supply, and support for utilities.

- **Recycling Markets**

Support local, regional, statewide, and federal efforts that address disposal challenges by finding sustainable solutions for end-of-life products, materials, and waste residuals, including products made from the diversion/recycling of organics. Support legislation that addresses challenges with narrowing overseas recycled material markets and development of local markets through short and long-term solutions that uphold the City's zero waste and carbon neutrality goals. Support legislation for permitting facilities to help manage waste residuals as well the safe use of waste residuals and products made from waste residuals.

- **Water and Energy Rebates**

Support legislation that provides rebates and incentives for water conservation, building and transportation electrification, energy efficiency and resiliency, retro-commissioning, and improvements in existing buildings, especially for low-income residents, disadvantaged communities, and small business owners.

- **Extended Producer Responsibility**

Support advocacy on extended producer responsibility, including pesticides, flea medications, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other products and other materials wastewater facilities are unable to treat. Support efforts that address source reduction and recycling contamination including single-use plastics, packaging, reuse, recycled content requirements, household hazardous takeback programs, pharmaceuticals and sharps, and Right to Repair. Support efforts that uphold the City's environmental ban ordinances, including plastic bags and Expanded Polystyrene Foam, and ensure state or federal regulations do not preempt the City's existing ordinances.

## We Oppose:

- **Water and Energy Rebate Reductions**

Oppose legislation that decreases rebates and other incentives provided to Distributed Energy Resources, climate resiliency, and electrification projects and that preempts local governments from implementing policies to its facilities.

- **Product Ban Preemption**

Oppose state or federal regulations that preempt the City's existing environmental ban ordinances including but not limited to plastic bags and Expanded Polystyrene Foam.

**CONTRIBUTORS: DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; PUBLIC WORKS; AND ENERGY**

# Sustainability/Resilience: Energy

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San José Clean Energy will play an integral role in meeting the City's ambitious and nation-leading goal to become carbon neutral by 2030. This includes continued investment in renewable energy and energy storage to deliver cleaner and more reliable electricity to residents and commercial customers. San José Clean Energy will reinvest revenues into the local community to provide clean electricity at competitive rates and expand programs to equitably encourage electrification in buildings and transportation – including making affordable electric vehicle charging accessible throughout the City and providing consumer rebates for energy savings. Local and transparent decision-making will continue to guide San José Clean Energy's mission to increase access to the benefits of clean energy to create stronger, cleaner and healthier communities for the people who live, work and play in San José.

## We Support:

- **Clean Energy Incentives**

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to expand Community Choice Aggregator access to clean and zero-carbon electric generation, including tax credits, financial incentives, and grants to enhance local economic development related to clean energy procurement and reduced ratepayer costs.

- **Smart Grid**

Support regulations, policies and legislation to encourage a smarter grid, including expanded electric vehicle infrastructure programs to increase equitable public access to electric vehicles and the corresponding charging infrastructure. Support policies and funding to enable Community Choice Aggregator investment in long duration energy storage to increase energy reliability, promote use of solar power during evening hours, and local resiliency. Expand opportunities for cities and counties to own and operate distribution infrastructure and develop microgrids, distributed energy resources, and demand response programs to provide reliable and cost-effective service for Community Choice Aggregator customers. Support legislation or other programs that increase funding for microgrids and distributed energy resources, particularly for critical facilities, and increase access to transmission, distribution and generation-related data needed to effectively plan for increased local resiliency and carbon reduction.



# Sustainability/Resilience: Energy

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- **Power Provider Accountability**

Support regulations, policies, and legislation to improve Pacific Gas & Electric Company public safety practices, fiscal transparency, fair rate design and affordability, and local accountability for infrastructure related power disruptions. Support legislation to improve interconnection and energization delay timelines that create challenges for bringing development projects on-line in a timely manner. Support consideration of alternative utility generation or distribution ownership models, including the creation of a Distribution System Operator.

- **Energy Efficiency and Electrification Programs**

Support energy efficiency and electrification programs that better reflect local governments' role in capacity building. Support policies and seek funding to enhance energy efficiency and electrification in existing buildings, particularly for small business owners, disadvantaged communities, and low-income housing.

- **Regionalization**

Support legislation and policy efforts to explore and evaluate options of the regionalization of the California Independent System Operator to include transmission providers in other parts of the Western Interconnection. Support legislation that establishes a robust public process to ensure that governance, environmental and labor issues are adequately addressed in order to sustain a more efficient and cost-effective electric market.

- **Energy Affordability**

Support legislation that addresses the increasing energy burden affecting our most vulnerable residents, and disproportionately impacts communities of color, including legislation that significantly reduces disconnections.

## We Oppose:

- **Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Increases**

Oppose legislation or regulations that would suspend or slow the growth of Community Choice Aggregators, including efforts to increase the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment fees that customers pay for Investor-Owned Utilities "above market" costs, including City of San José Clean Energy customers who no longer purchase electricity from the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

- **Centralized Energy Procurement**

Oppose legislation or regulations that would reduce local control over energy procurement or customer savings, increase procurement by Investor-Owned Utilities on behalf of Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) or increase the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission to direct Investor-Owned Utilities to procure electricity on behalf of CCA customers. Oppose legislation that seeks to centrally procure energy.

**CONTRIBUTORS: DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY, PUBLIC WORKS, AND TRANSPORTATION**



# Sustainability/Resilience: Infrastructure

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San José will secure funding and complete vital infrastructure projects while reducing deferred maintenance infrastructure projects. The City will monitor the health and safety of its infrastructure assets and be proactive and strategic in investing resources to avoid structural deficiencies. The City will upgrade infrastructure to meet the demands of evolving demographics and an ever-changing climate by utilizing technology and industry best practices. Additionally, the City will leverage regional, state, and federal funding and maximize local funding to pursue Environmental Justice to the benefit of all communities. San José is also a resilient environmental steward for the region, ensuring wastewater is cleaned to high standards, and advocating treated wastewater residuals be viewed as valuable resources that can be responsibly used as a source material for other purposes. The cleaning and treatment processes/technologies utilized will be advanced, reliable, and cost-effective, and any discharge from City facilities maintains a robust and healthy environment/ecosystem for people and nature.

## We Support:

- **Infrastructure Project Funding**

Advocate for funding for the City's priority infrastructure projects on the City of San José's Strategic Project List. Advocate for adoption of regulatory guidelines that advance the City's Strategic Project List.

- **Procurement and Contracting Flexibility**

Support legislation that provides flexibility in procurement and contracting processes, including innovative and streamlined project delivery methods and alternative financing mechanisms for infrastructure projects.

- **Proportional Grant Funding**

Support infrastructure grant funding that is formula-based and distributed proportionately based on city population and associated demographic needs.

- **Power Grid Infrastructure**

Support legislation and regulation, advocate for adequate resources/equipment, and timely and appropriate information and notification that will allow the City to respond to and mitigate power outage events during Public Safety Power shutoffs, Enhanced Powerline Safety Setting outages, rolling outages, or Pacific Gas & Electric Company equipment failures. Explore potential legislation or regulations to require greater public oversight of Pacific Gas & Electric Company outage events.

- **Green Infrastructure**

Support additional funding opportunities to implement regional projects and green streets projects that are essential to diverting and preventing stormwater and runoff from localized flooding from contaminating our waterways. Support regional "green stormwater infrastructure" projects that can store, filter and clean runoff prior to it entering the creeks, and ultimately, the San Francisco Bay.

- **Resilient Power Supply**

Support the undergrounding of all appropriate power distribution in the City and for City facilities, upon which residents rely for service to be resilient in times of emergency. Support microgrids and forms of power storage that can be available at all critical facilities which are necessary to provide consistent services.

# Sustainability/Resilience: Infrastructure

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- **Resiliency Efforts**

Support efforts that make the City more resilient to climate change, natural disasters, and pandemics. This includes but is not limited to assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities, wildfire mitigation efforts such as infrastructure hardening, utility undergrounding, vegetation management, earthquake mitigation efforts on soft story seismic retrofits, extreme heat mitigation efforts, and flood and sea-rise impacts. Support efforts to integrate climate change resiliency into transportation planning to improve the sustainability and reliability of the City's transportation infrastructure and operations, and support communities' adaptation.

- **Transportation Funding**

Support transportation funding from federal, state, regional, and local sources that help maintain, improve and expand transportation systems and mobility in San José, including bikes, e-bikes, etc. Ensure that these funds remain unencumbered towards the programs and areas with the greatest need for investment. Maintain vital funding streams at the local, regional, state, and federal levels from Senate Bill 1, Cap-and-Trade, Regional Measure 3, Measure B, Active Transportation, and other programs. Support additional funding requests for investments that benefit San José's transportation priorities. Support policies that ensure direct and indirect uses and impacts to San José's right-of-way and infrastructure are accurately priced and collected. Support legislation that would improve project delivery, maintenance, accessibility, or servicing of infrastructure within the city.

- **Electric Vehicles**

Support policies and legislation that fund programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and incentivize the adoption and deployment of beneficial emerging technologies, including electric vehicle technologies and infrastructure.

- **Rapid Transit and Rail Infrastructure**

Support developing and improving transformative rail projects and infrastructure in San José including BART to Silicon Valley Phase II, Diridon Station, Caltrain, San José Airport Connector and extension from this project, and High-Speed Rail. Identify and advocate for projects which would enhance San José's transportation network within a regional ballot measure or legislative proposal. Support legislation and funding that provides additional opportunities to develop or improve rail infrastructure in San José. Support efforts to advance and secure additional funding for BART Phase II as needed. Identify and secure funding for Diridon Station planning and construction efforts. Support Caltrain electrification and modernization efforts. Work closely with High-Speed Rail stakeholders to support infrastructure and right-of-way improvements in San José. Support legislation that encourages High Speed Rail to work more collaboratively with the cities that it will be serving. Support legislation and funding for transit operations, including for increases to service.

- **CMP Alignment with VMT**

Support legislation developed in coordination with regional partners to align and enhance Congestion Management Program (CMP) statutes with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction requirements.

- **Infrastructure Maintenance**

Support a dedicated funding source for deferred maintenance and repair to get to a state of zero deferred maintenance backlog in the next decade. Prioritize the modernization and upkeep of public safety facilities, including those that house and operate sworn public safety staff, that house the support staff for public safety staff like fleet and facilities maintenance, that the public will use in case of emergency and natural disasters, and that house the support staff providing services in the emergency and natural disaster shelters. The range of natural disaster and emergencies span from large scale power outages, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, floods, extreme heat, extreme cold, and earthquakes.



# Sustainability/Resilience: Infrastructure

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## We Oppose:

- **Project Constraints**

Oppose legislative efforts that jeopardize the development or deployment of the City’s transit and rail infrastructure projects and other transportation investments.



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# Sustainability/Resiliency: Water

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San José, through its Municipal Water System, will continue to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the more than 100,000 residents in the Alviso, Evergreen, Coyote, and Edenvale Service Areas. Through South Bay Water Recycling, the City will also continue to provide a reliable non-potable water supply. Increasing the supply and dependability of potable and non-potable water supplies to meet the growing needs of local water sellers and wholesalers, and the development and business communities, will enable the City to face the challenges of a changing climate, shifting water supplies, and achieve water resiliency. The City will continue to be a leader within the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program by collaborating and developing innovative approaches to address pollutants of concern entering the stormwater system and waterways.

## We Support:

- **Water Conservation**

Support the expanded use of alternative water sources (recycled water, rainwater, stormwater, graywater, etc.) for non-potable purposes as well as supplementing our existing potable water supplies with additional potable sources (such as groundwater). Support legislation and funding that offer programs to improve water efficiency, replacement of non-functional turf with native landscaping, and water conservation and innovation (including drought relief programs), and water usage benchmarking, particularly for low-income residents, disadvantaged communities, and small business owners.

- **Local Waterways**

Support legislation and secure funding to restore and protect watershed habitats from human causes, and to increase awareness through outreach and education to communities and schools in protecting watershed habitats and to improving water quality in local waterways. Support legislation that maintains the health of the San Francisco Bay, creeks, and waterways.

- **Regional Water Supply**

Support local and regional efforts that address procuring permanent status regarding treated water supply from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the San José Municipal Water System. Partner with other local and regional water supply agencies to address the challenges of extended drought conditions.

- **Stormwater Management**

Support legislation and secure funding to implement innovative approaches to improve water quality by reducing pollutants (i.e., Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), mercury, pesticides, trash) entering the storm sewer system that will ultimately improve water quality through various structural methods such as green infrastructure and full trash capture systems or maintenance methods such as street sweeping or in-line pipe and inlet cleaning. Support efforts to increase water capture and storage of precipitation delivered by atmospheric river storms. Support local flood protection agencies in seeking state and federal funding to address flooding from intensified storms and sea level rise.

- **Wastewater Management**

Support legislation in wastewater, recycled water, nutrient, contaminants of emerging concerns (CEC), microplastics, Polyfluoroalkyl substance/Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFAS/PFOA), air emissions, renewable energy resources (biogas), recycled water, and biosolids, that are based on science and data driven at the state, local and federal levels. Secure funding for wastewater treatment plant infrastructure, recycled water, sanitary sewer, and direct/indirect potable water reuse.

**CONTRIBUTOR: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



# Technology

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San José will transform its information technology services by championing equity solutions using technology and data. The City will strengthen the resiliency of City services against cybersecurity risks and natural disasters that are increasingly affecting communities. The City will maximize efficiencies and the impactful use of limited resources through service innovation in partnership with departments, as well as support the transition to a digital workforce, embracing digital public participation and augmenting collaboration. The City will work to equitably protect the privacy of residents and keep their data safe and secure. Furthermore, the City will respond to service requests and inquiries from San José residents and businesses, achieving high customer experience ratings through robust 311 access.

## We Support:

- **Emerging Technologies**

Support state and federal legislation and regulations that encourage the responsible development of shared mobility options, advanced aerial mobility, transportation networking companies, and autonomous vehicle technologies that enable the City to balance the potential harms and benefits, including allowing local control of these new technologies where practical. Identify future regulatory needs to mitigate potential impacts from commercial advanced aerial mobility services. Continue to work with state agencies as regulations are implemented.

- **Innovative Technologies**

Support efforts that explore innovative technologies, such as replacing thin film plastics.

- **Traffic Data Reporting**

Support legislation that creates comprehensive data reporting requirements for all freight and passenger services in the right-of-way, including existing commercial services and emerging services such as advanced aerial mobility. Data should include safety reporting and movement data. Ensure that public agencies can collect and access data for managing attendance and completing Point of Sale Purchases, while protecting the privacy of individuals and limiting the sharing of personally identifiable information to align with the City's Digital Privacy Policy.

- **Library Data Privacy**

Support legislation that expands and modernizes the definition of what is included in the patron record for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the confidentiality of library activities for library patrons.

- **Cybersecurity Data Sharing**

Support legislation that enables organizations to share information to better deter malicious cybersecurity actors. To encourage intel sharing and "getting ahead of the breach," support legislation that explicitly protects cybersecurity information sharing from liability that puts the organization at risk and disclosure of information that would open the organization to cyberattacks.

- **Transportation Data**

Support legislation and regulations that provide travel data from transportation companies for transportation and land use planning, traffic management, and operational purposes. Encourage the development of inclusive mobility options that can provide equitable and accessible transit options for all of San José's residents.

- **Retention Period Decrease for Sensing Technology Data**

Support legislation to reduce privacy risk and potential harm of a data breach by minimizing the time data is stored.

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- **Digital Accessibility**

Support efforts to secure funding for improving and maintaining digital accessibility to ensure effective communication for people with disabilities.

- **Uniform Signage and Iconography for Smart City Technologies**

Support state and federal efforts to standardize signage for sensing technology (ex: automated traffic enforcement) in public spaces.

- **Regulation of Vendor Algorithms**

Support state and federal efforts to allow local governments to inspect algorithms used by vendors providing products or services that local governments procure. Support stronger regulation on algorithmic transparency, bias, and demonstration of effectiveness.

- **Local Control of Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) and Autonomous Aerial Mobility (AAMs)**

Support efforts to increase and/or enhance local authority relating to the emergence of AVs and AAMs to ensure any implementation of this technology is done equitably, safely, and in concert with local transportation goals. Support coalition efforts such as through the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and CACTI to strengthen oversight over these specific emerging mobility industries.

- **Cross-Industry Privacy Protection**

Support federal legislation addressing cross-industry privacy that defines general requirements for handling personal information and that does not pre-empt states from setting stricter data handling requirements (i.e. California Consumer Privacy Act).

- **Energy Efficiency Technology Programs**

Support state and federal standards for new technology, software, and hardware manufacturers to minimize energy consumption while systems are idle.

- **Broadband**

Support legislation that takes a balanced approach to accelerating broadband deployment including fiber, small cell, and macro cell towers in an equitable and inclusive manner. Support efforts to expand broadband availability, affordability, and competition. Support efforts to improve fiber, wireline, and wireless access in San José to enhance services and reduce costs for residents and businesses as well as Smart City and Internet of Things (IoT) services, including transportation management and other information systems that the City relies on to communicate and to improve the efficiency and delivery of City services. Advocate for funding to expand existing roadway information and warning systems to improve travel safety and efficiency, enable transportation and non-transportation warning systems, and improve safety conditions for people that work in the roadway space. Support efforts to expand and elongate funding availability to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and enhance the Universal Services Fund. Support efforts to modernize the Education Rate (ERATE) program to allow reimbursement for wireless and Wi-Fi enabled devices to be lent through the library.

- **Digital Access**

Support exploring public private partnerships around federal infrastructure funding including, but not limited to, broadband deployment partnerships with telecom providers, and partnerships to enable secure Smart City, IoT, and transportation data management systems and operations. Support efforts to secure funding for bridging the digital divide that are additive to funding for low-income families' other basic needs (such as food, affordable housing, childcare, and wealth building).

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- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Support efforts that promote an individual's right to transparency, and the right to know the basis of an AI-generated decision that concerns them, including the factors, logic, and techniques that produced the outcome. Support efforts that promote an individual's right to have a final decision made by a human. Support efforts that promote institutions being held responsible for decisions made by an AI system they operate. Support efforts that promote fairness and equity in algorithmic decision-making. Support efforts that require institutions to promote the accuracy, reliability, validity, and replicability of AI-generated outcomes.

- **Automation to Provide Civic Value**

Support the promotion of innovation that provides residents and their governments with better, broader, and more equitable services. Support efforts that hold vendors and governments accountable for evaluating automation attempts for their civic benefit before and after implementation.

## We Oppose:

- **Broadband Restrictions**

Oppose legislation that weakens local government's ability to regulate wireless attachments on vertical infrastructure and the deployment of fiber/coax.

- **Barriers to Local Preventative Regulations**

Oppose efforts that prevent San José from developing emerging technology regulations independent from state and federal statutes.

- **Retention Period Minimums for Sensing Technology Data**

Oppose the one-to-two-year retention minimum for data collected through sensing technology, such as video from cameras, established in CA Government Code 34090.

- **Biased biometrics**

Oppose the use of non-consensual facial recognition or emotions analysis given the widely recognized biases.

- **Autonomous weapons**

Oppose the use of autonomous weapons.

- **Reducing Data Privacy**

Oppose any legislation that erodes patron privacy and confidentiality including that of library patron activities.

- **Social Scoring**

Oppose the use of AI-powered social scoring or social credit systems that assign a score to individuals based on their behaviors or immutable characteristics.

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TRANSPORTATION; PUBLIC WORKS; AND LIBRARY**

# 2024 Federal Priorities

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## Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness, Support Unhoused Residents, and Increase Affordable Housing Supply

- **Support Funding for Homelessness Programs, Affordable Housing Development, and Mental Health Services**

Support additional, flexible homelessness funding for emergency and temporary housing, outreach, and wraparound services. Support legislation to lift the Community Development Block Grant public services cap. Support increased funding and flexibility for key affordable housing programs, including expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and HOME. Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance Services, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to provide an income and health insurance. Advocate for legislation that requires health insurance mental health benefits. Support funding for encampment services including sanitary and environmental remediation. Advocate for federal support to assist people impacted by federal encampment clearance orders prompted by safety and/or environmental remediation concerns.

- **Support Tenant Protections**

Support the allocation of sufficient federal resources for tenant protections and anti-displacement initiatives, including fair housing enforcement and education. Support increased funding for rental vouchers to meet local needs and expand housing choices for residents experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. Support voucher program rules and allocations that recognize the increased need in high-rent areas. Support efforts to permit race-targeted or race-conscious housing and community development assistance in jurisdictions where there are documented findings of past race-based housing discrimination.





# 2024 Federal Priorities

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## Enhance Community Safety and Promote Vision Zero Initiatives

- **Double Down on Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives**

Support efforts to achieve Vision Zero traffic safety goals to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Support proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with Vision Zero.

- **Support Local Control of Emerging Mobility Industries**

Support efforts to increase and/or enhance local authority relating to the emergence of Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) and Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAMs) to ensure any implementation of these technology is done equitably, safely, and in concert with local transportation goals. Support coalition efforts such as through the National Association of City Transportation Officials to strengthen oversight over these specific emerging mobility industries. Support efforts to utilize technological innovation to transform transportation infrastructure.

- **Support Disaster Preparedness, Response, Mitigation, and Recovery**

Support dedicated funding for trainings, tools, and facilities to prepare for and respond to an emergency. Support legislation and funding for the development of emergency management staffing, programs, and facilities, including Community Resource Centers. Advocate for resources that support the long-term management of current and future emergencies, including adapting to environmental threats as they evolve. Support local government flexibility in regulations, program implementation, and processes due to pandemics and other future emergencies. Support and advocate for resources and policies to protect the health, safety, and economic viability of residents and businesses in San José, including testing and vaccinations, services to the unhoused, isolation support, reemployment workforce development, small business recovery, food and essential necessities distribution, digital equity, and childcare support for the City's most vulnerable populations during disaster recovery.

- **Enhance Crime Prevention and Prevent Discrimination**

Support federal legislation to prevent and address hate crimes, including improved data collection and reporting. Support efforts to prevent sexual assault, including increased funding and investigative tools for law enforcement and collaboration across agencies. Support federal sentencing guidelines so that intoxication cannot be used to show lack of culpability for committing sexual assault offenses. Support efforts to reduce gun violence, including support for legislation that prevents theft and unauthorized usage, addresses un-serialized firearms, and gun kits, provides active shooter training, restricts concealed carry license issuance, and allows employers, co-workers, and teachers to request a gun violence restraining order. Support policies and legislation that support and fund youth violence prevention and early intervention strategies.

- **Advocate for Public Safety Investments and Public Safety Policy Change**

Support investments in public safety and expediting the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act implementation. Support federal legislation for drug and alcohol early intervention programs and increased mental health resources for first responders. Advocate for federal legislation and funding that furthers 21st Century Policing practices including de-escalation and racial equity. Support federal legislation to support community partnerships and fully fund coordinated police mental health response models. Support resources for domestic violence survivors including full funding for the Violence Against Women Act, Victims of Crime Act, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. Support federal legislation to curb illegal fentanyl distribution and sales. Support increased funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment. Support federal legislation and regulations prohibiting e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products.

# 2024 Federal Priorities

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## Advocate for Educational and Employment Opportunities that Foster Equitable Outcomes for San José Families

- **Invest in Safe and Equitable Employment Opportunities**

Support CHIPS Act implementation in San José and advocate for workforce development pipelines from our community colleges. Support policies and funding opportunities to expand youth workforce development programs, such as AmeriCorp's State and National grant program. Support legislation to prevent and address sexual harassment and assault in the workplace. Support family friendly workplaces including quality childcare, lactation accommodations, and parental leave. Improve access and reduce barriers to quality childcare including increasing the income eligibility for federal programs.

- **Further Immigrant Rights**

Support federal protections against discrimination based on immigration status for residents who seek government benefits. Support federal expansion of social safety net services for undocumented immigrants. Support policies that protect the rights of all immigrants, regardless of immigration status and provide pathways for citizenship or legal permanent residency. Support legislation that holds employers accountable for withholding passports or other immigration documents from workers and requires employers provide a "Workers Bill of Rights." Support policies that increase admissions, expand services, and strengthen protections for all humanitarian-based immigration. Oppose policies that separate immigrant or refugee families, require long-term detainment, remove due process rights, undermine the humanity of immigrants and refugees, and weaken data privacy or confidentiality rights. Oppose federal action to withhold public safety funds based on local immigration policies.

- **Elevate Inclusion and Access for All**

Support legislation that protects and strengthens rights for the LGBTQIA+ community, including marriage equality, and transgender individuals' right to healthcare and gender identity expression. Support affirmative action and other race- and gender-conscious policies to provide equitable opportunities in education, contracting, and employment. Support funding and policy change to increase disability and language access and inclusion. Support legislation that protects and promotes reproductive freedom including access to abortion and reproductive care.

- **Voting Rights**

Support the right to vote including the use of absentee ballots and early voting, as well as legislation that increases translated voting materials. Support legislation that furthers free and fair elections including court review of electoral maps to protect against racial and partisan gerrymandering. Oppose legislation that would discourage voter registration, fair voter access and/or discriminate against Black, Latino/a/x, Indigenous and People of Color communities.

- **High Cost of Living Adjustments**

Support regulatory changes to federal funding allocations based on population size and/or local cost of living adjustments, increased income eligibility above current state and federal poverty levels. Update guidelines for childcare and early education, healthcare, nutrition, and workforce development programs.

- **Strengthen Family Safety Net**

Support increased resources for youth in foster care. Support funding and legislation to increase access to food insecurity programs and eradicate hunger.

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- **Increase Educational Opportunities**

Advocate for funding to support early education including Head Start, transitional kindergarten and new federal childcare/preschool programs. Support increased grants and scholarships funding for community colleges and wrap around supports for students including affordable housing and food. Support legislation and funding that bolsters transition services for high school students to community colleges and higher education institutions.

- **Financial Relief for Families**

Advocate for equitable access to credit and loans, including regulation to stop predatory lending. Support increased funding for education on the Earned Income Tax Credit. Support adoption of an expanded Child Tax Credit and SALT deductions for low-income households. Support increased funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to assist low-income households. Support increased funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to assist low-income, multilingual families with tax preparation assistance. Oppose regulation that gives low-income individuals higher interest rates than borrowers from higher-income families and communities.

- **Digital Equity**

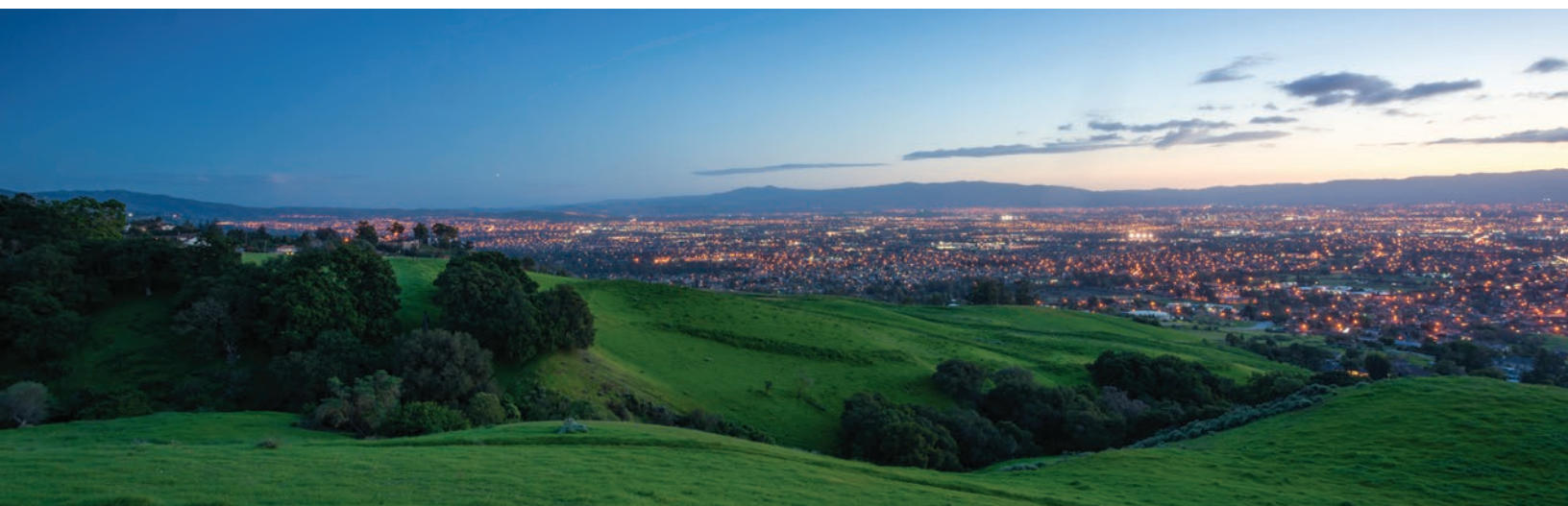
Support legislation that requires digital books be licensed to libraries as they are licensed to consumers. Support efforts to expand broadband availability, affordability, and competition. Support efforts to expand Affordable Connectivity Program funding, enhance the Universal Services Fund, and bridge the digital divide. Support efforts to modernize the Education Rate program to allow reimbursement for wireless and Wi-Fi enabled devices lent through the library. Oppose legislation that weakens local government's ability to regulate wireless attachments on vertical infrastructure and the deployment of fiber/coax. Oppose legislation and regulations that limit a person's access to information and legal content.

- **Protecting Privacy**

Support federal privacy legislation that defines general requirements for handling personal information that does not preempt states from setting stricter data handling requirements.

- **Emerging Technology**

Support efforts that promote fairness and equity in algorithmic decision-making. Support efforts that require institutions to promote the accuracy, reliability, validity, and replicability of AI-generated outcomes. Oppose efforts that prevent San José from developing emerging technology regulations independent from state and federal statutes.





# 2024 Federal Priorities

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## Catalyze Downtown Revitalization and Cultivate Equitable Investment in our Neighborhoods

- **Support Urban Greening and Investment in Green Spaces with a Focus on Environmental Justice**

Support funding for equity-focused urban projects that promote green streets, green infrastructure for stormwater management, parks, and streets-related infrastructure for climate adaptation.

- **Support for Water Management**

Support funding for stormwater infrastructure and waterways to address pollutants of concern that will help improve water quality. Support legislation in wastewater, recycled water, nutrient, contaminants of emerging concerns (CEC), microplastics, PFAS/PFOA, air emissions, renewable energy resources (biogas), recycled water, and biosolids, that are based on science and data. Secure funding for wastewater treatment plant infrastructure, recycled water, sanitary sewer, and direct/indirect potable water reuse.

- **Invest in Small Businesses and Communities**

Support federal funding to equip local businesses to meet the needs of people of all abilities and maintain ADA compliance. Support protecting the Community Reinvestment Act and advocate to ensure that financial institutions adequately serve the range of needs in San José for mortgage lending, multifamily financing, and small business financing. Support legislation that provides access to traditional banking services for licensed cannabis businesses and protects the City's ability to tax cannabis sales. Support legislation permitting FDIC banks to lend to cannabis businesses.

- **Funding for Space Activation, Placemaking, and Art**

Support integration of placemaking, pedestrian space activation, and public art as eligible elements and expenses for federal grant programs in addition to increased funding for the arts through the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Pursue Funding for Equitable, Sustainable, and Resilient Infrastructure and Advance San José's Climate Smart Goals

- **Support NEPA Reform**

Support legislative and administrative efforts that streamline the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process and facilitate efficient land use and housing regulation by cities, reduce barriers to expediently deliver multi-modal transportation plans, and enhance project delivery and grant coordination.

- **Support Federal Efforts that Aid and Advance San José's Climate Smart Goals**

Support funding and policies that will accelerate San José's Climate Smart goals.

- **Advocate for Opportunities to Make San José More Resilient**

Support efforts that make the City more resilient to climate change, natural disasters, and pandemics. This includes but is not limited to assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities, wildfire mitigation efforts such as infrastructure hardening, utility undergrounding, vegetation management, earthquake mitigation efforts on soft story seismic retrofits, extreme heat mitigation efforts, and flood and sea-rise impacts.

# 2024 Federal Priorities

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- **Promote Climate Equity and Inclusion**

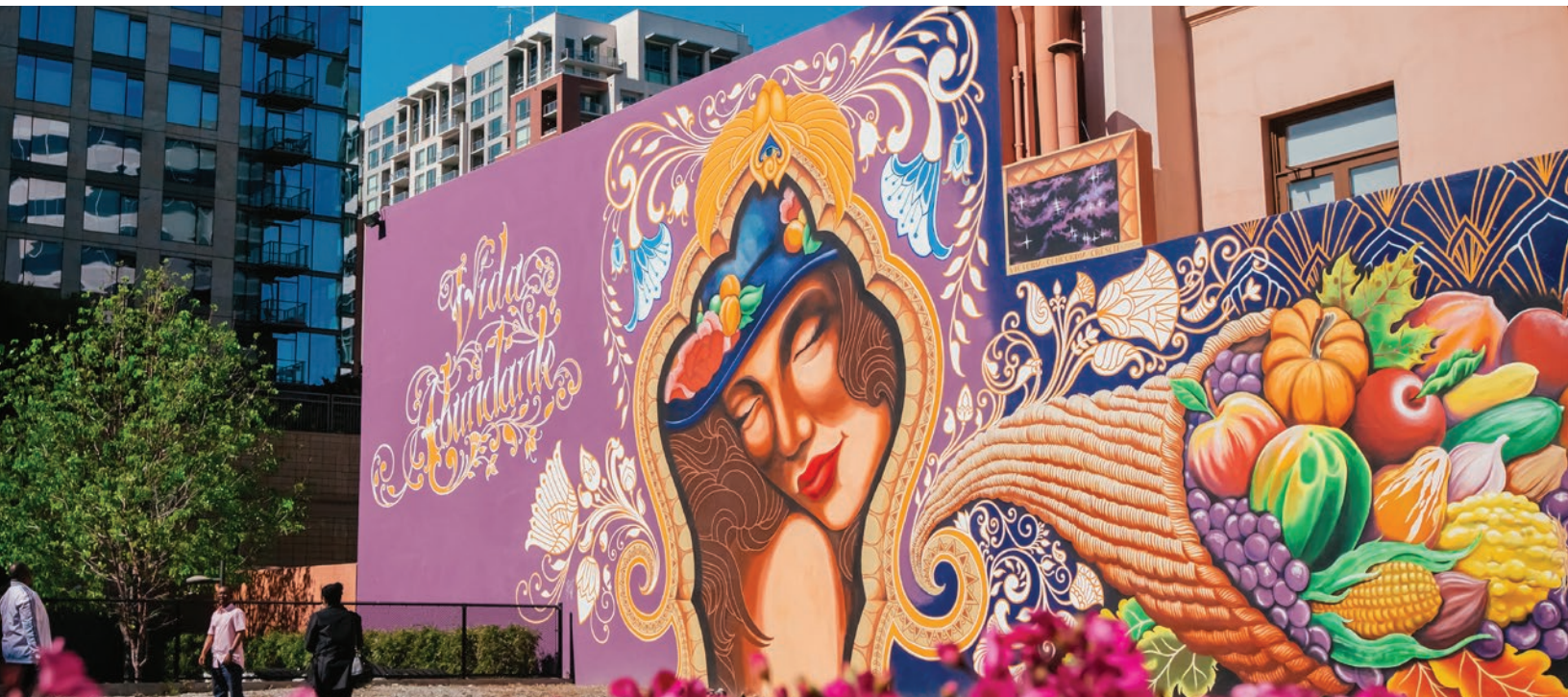
Support policies that provide financial and technical assistance to low-income residents and communities of color to prevent and reduce disproportionate impacts of climate change. Support investment and innovative technology in environmental justice communities to address the disproportionate burden of pollution and heat island effects.

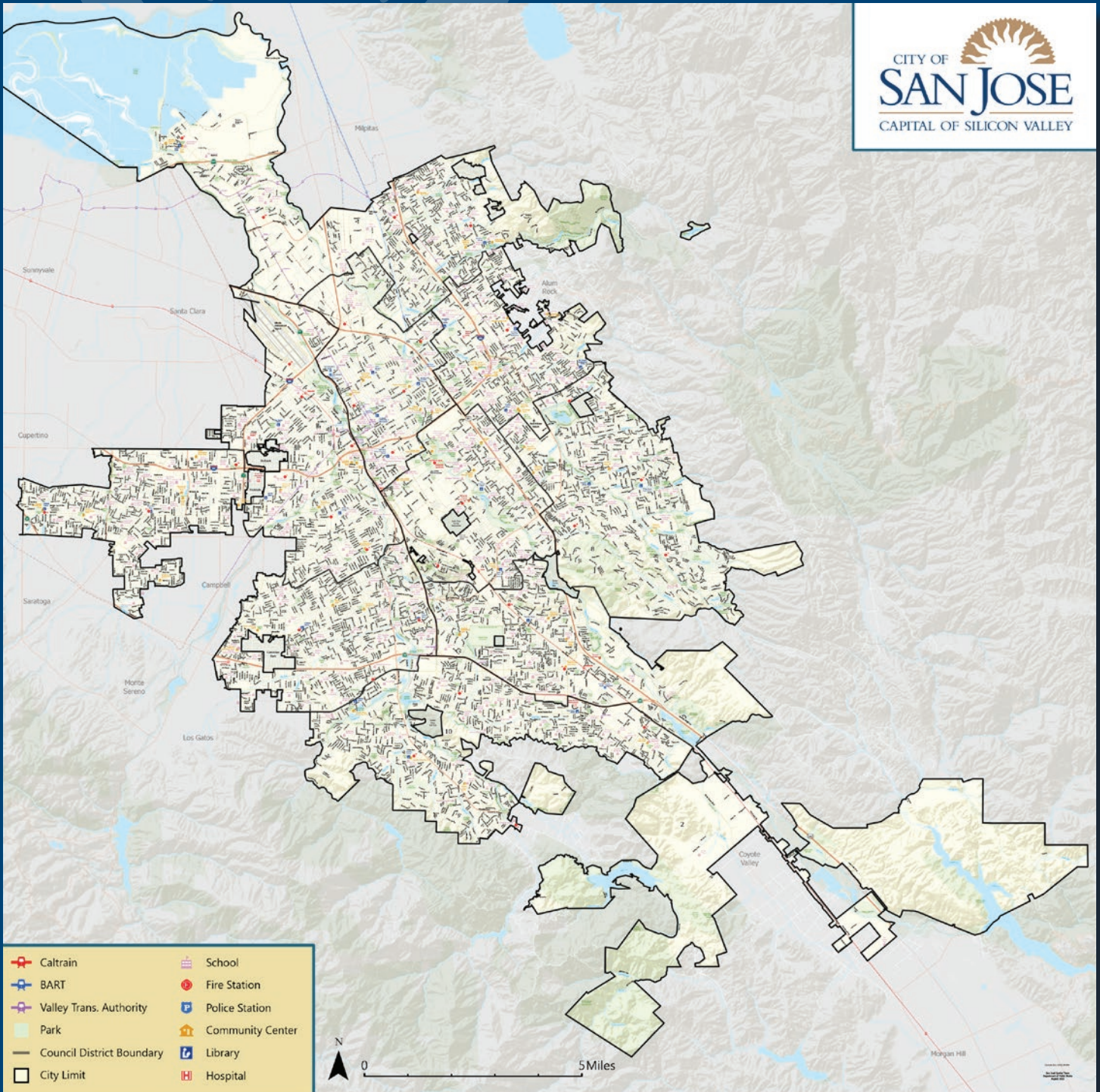
- **Advocate for Energy Efficiency and Electrification Incentives**

Advocate for greater access to clean and zero-carbon electric generation, including tax credits, financial incentives, and grants to enhance local economic development related to clean energy procurement and reduced ratepayer costs. Support energy efficiency and electrification incentives for households and families to access clean energy that is reliable, sustainable, and affordable. Support funding of capital improvements of City-owned facilities that will increase energy efficiencies and full building electrification. Support policies and seek funding to enhance energy efficiency, electrification, and decarbonization in existing buildings, particularly for small business owners, disadvantaged communities, and affordable housing and in all-electric buildings. Support policies that encourage adaptive reuse of existing structures and provide financial incentives for zero-net-carbon buildings. Support Distributed Energy Resource projects in public and private sector development and promote green building and retro-commissioning practices that reduce toxins and indoor air contaminants.

- **Support Continued and Sustained Investment in Transportation and Zero Emission Mobility**

Support growth in the use of zero-emission vehicles, other clean mobility choices, and low carbon fuels. Support sufficient and dedicated electric vehicle rebate funding and other relevant clean mobility program funding, especially for low-income communities. Support funding for cities and municipalities to transition fleet vehicles to zero-emission or the lowest-emissions practical for the job use. Support transportation funding that helps maintain, improve and expand transportation systems and mobility in San José, including bikes, e-bikes, etc. Support legislation and funding at the federal level that promotes transit supportive commercial uses, employment uses, affordable housing adjacent to transit, and anti-displacement measures.







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