

## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Remote Access to San Jose City Council Meetings**

*Preserving public access to council meetings during COVID-19 infections*

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (March 2, 2020)** – With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encouraging the public to stay home if they are currently sick, showing symptoms, have knowingly been exposed to the COVID-19 or have recently traveled to an infected area, the public will still have access to San Jose City Council meetings and provide public comments.

The public can view the City Council meetings on the City of San Jose website at <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/news-stories/watch-a-meeting> or on YouTube via the City of San José YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeDiMzJEUbPgaruDcXnD4Cg>.

To comment up until the start of the meeting, please click on “ecomment” on the agenda page: <https://sanjose.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=712177&GUID=9FB80970-5F34-4A02-8707-83949E9A16BB&Options=info&Search=>. To comment during the meeting, please email the city clerk directly at [city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov). Comments will be uploaded as an attachment to the agenda item. It may take up to 20 minutes for a comment to appear once it's uploaded.

The public is encouraged to reduce the risk to themselves and those around them by:

- Avoid customary handshaking.
- Stay up to-date on all required immunizations, including the flu shot.
- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub (Look at the ingredient list to be sure it is more than 50% alcohol based).
- Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough with a tissue or flexed elbow.
- After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- If you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) **Immediately contact your healthcare provider if conditions and symptoms get worse.**
- If prescribed antiviral medication, please complete the entire treatment regimen.
- Stay informed and engaged, every step of the way. County Public Health website: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>.

### **About the City of San José**

*With more than one million residents, San José is one of the most diverse large cities in the United States and is Northern California's largest city and the 10th largest city in the nation. San José's transformation into a global innovation center has resulted in one of the largest concentrations of technology companies and expertise in the world. In 2011, the City adopted Envision San José 2040, a long-term growth plan that sets forth a vision and a comprehensive road map to guide the City's anticipated growth through the year 2040.*

### **About The Office of the City Clerk**

*The City Clerk is the local official who administers democratic processes such as elections, access to city records, and all legislative actions ensuring transparency to the public. The City Clerk acts as a compliance officer for federal, state, and local statutes including the Political Reform Act, the Brown Act, and the Public Records Act. For more information, visit <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk>*

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