

## Budget Priorities - Community Budget Meetings

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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Carolyn Robinson and I am a resident of San Jose District 8. I am writing to urge you to equitably prioritize the needs of San José children, families, and neighborhoods in the upcoming 2022-2023 Budget Cycle.

It is essential that the City continues to prioritize allocating resources towards:

- Investing in children and youth city services and programs to uplift San José families
- Reestablishing a sense of community safety for residents, neighborhoods, and small businesses
- Focusing City services and COVID-19 pandemic recovery to support the communities most impacted and highest need with an equity lens and framework
- Dealing with homelessness. Many of these individuals are struggling with mental health and addiction issues and it is impacting our neighbors negatively. On Aborn and While a homeless individual had taken over a section where individuals catch the bus. Trash is all around where she is camped out. We the resident need you to do some. Get them off our streets and help them get the help they need and help us feel safer in our neighborhoods.
- Instead of spending 3 million on planned parenthood to provide abortions and providing a sanctuary city for abortions, use that money to provide support for the homeless population. This is a problem that needs attention now.
- Remove the vaccine mandate so individuals can get back to work. Everyone should be free to choose what goes into their body. Many individuals have been impacted negatively by those vaccines and no one is there to help them during those challenging times. Vaccine mandates are wrong. We want to give women the right to decide if they want to abort a life but restrict the right of others who decide not to be vaccinated. That's wrong.

Without an allocation that has residents' needs in mind, thousands of families will be left behind – which is why I am urging you to support our children, families, and neighborhood with an equity lens and framework to ensure that the City of San José is place where all families can thrive.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Robinson

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