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>> Councilmember Pyle: At the age of 3, Bernard was diagnosed with autism. He plays, however, the trombone, the piano, the electric bass, and sings with perfect pitch. Bernard loves music and is also involved with four bands. He plays trombone with the symphonic band, the ambassadors, and in fact, traveled to Japan with them. He plays trombone and sings with the jazz band DØja vu, with whom he has traveled to Europe twice. He plays the second trombone for the De Anza College jazz band called Daddy O's. And he plays the electric bass guitar and sings with the magic markers. This band features special-needs individuals, and Bernard recently performed at the Disability Awareness Day here at City Hall. Bernard also has his own CD entitled Music Man, which I've listened to several times. I love it! Although Bernard has lots of experience performing, it is still a nerve wracking job. So let's be a great audience for Bernard, while he performs "God bless America" in recognition of Veterans Day. Take it away, Bernard! [Piano playing, "God bless America"]

>> ¶ while the storm clouds gather ¶ far across the sea ¶ let us swear allegiance ¶ to a land that's free ¶ let us all be grateful ¶ for a land so fair ¶ as we raise our voices ¶ in a solemn prayer ¶ God bless America ¶ land that I love ¶ stand beside her ¶ and guide her ¶ through the night with the light from above ¶ from the mountains ¶ to the prairies ¶ to the ocean, white with foam ¶ God bless America ¶ my home, sweet home ¶ God bless America ¶ my home, sweet home ¶ God bless America ¶ land that I love ¶ stand beside her ¶ and guide her ¶ through the night with a light from above ¶ from the mountains ¶ to the prairies ¶ to the oceans, white with foam God bless America ¶ my home sweet home ¶ God bless America my home, sweet home ¶ [applause]

>> Thank you. [applause]

>> Councilmember Chirco: Thank you, Bernard. That was absolutely beautiful. I notice we have some students from District 1, Lynnhaven elementary school, if I could ask them to stand as well as the rest of the audience and join us in the pledge to the flag. [pledge of allegiance] Thank you, Lynnhaven students. Could I have a motion for the orders of the day? I do have one item 4.3, actions related to the multifamily housing at Belovida at newbury park will be heard in conjunctions with items 2 and 3 on the financing authority agenda. So the motion is for the rest of them. I have a motion and a second. All those in favor, all those opposed? Hearing none, that motion carries. Call on the City Attorney for the closed session report.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Yes, madam Vice Mayor. The council met in closed session this morning. We were given authority to initiate litigation in one matter. It's actually an appeal. The name of the action and the defendants, as well as the substance of the appeal, will be disclosed to any person upon inquiry once we formally commence the action. All members of the council voted aye with Councilmembers Chu and Nguyen absent.

>> Councilmember Chirco: We'll go to the ceremonial items, and I would like to invite the economic department to join me, and Sam Liccardo. Today we recognize a company that is revolutionary, revolutionizing how firms across the world are managing their sales force. And I won't embarrass myself by trying to pronounce their name, I will ask for help.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Xactly.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Xactly Corporation employs over 150 worldwide, and it continues to fuel innovation through its new technology and innovative thinking here in San José. Councilmember Liccardo would like to say some more about this great company.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Thank you, Vice Mayor. We're thrilled to have Chris Cabrera here. He is the CEO of Xactly Corporation, a company that's been a part of our downtown, and Chris has been a very vital leader in our downtown community. He sits on the board of the downtown association. He's been very actively engaged with our Diridon good neighbor committee, and we're certainly appreciative of all his good work but we're here to commend Xactly for its extraordinary work. They recently were awarded the 2009 customer relationship management's excellence award from the customer interactions solutions magazine because of Xactly's ability to deliver significant and measurable business improvements to their customers. Of course they are in the field of software, providing employee management software. Database software. Xactly corporation has won over 25 years for their innovations in software over the last four years and believe it or not, they're hiring! We don't hear that very often these days. But yes, Xactly is hiring. I know our friends from Lee Matson left, but I wanted to

encourage any kids at home to recognize that they're hiring, and they're looking for college graduates. So make sure you head off to college on your way to working for Xactly. With that I'd like to turn it over to Paul Krutko, our chief development officer.

>> Paul Krutko: Thank you, Paul Krutko. We do want to get Chris up to the microphone. The only thing I wanted to highlight is that corporate citizenship takes a lot of forms and the one thing that I wanted to highlight is that Xactly is very much involved with the communities. Their employees participate in the Second Harvest food bank, Special Olympics, Make a Wish Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity. So being a corporate citizen takes a lot of forms. It takes the form of investing in the community, it takes the form of putting people to work, but it also does in these ways of giving back, so thank you, Chris! [applause]

>> Well, thanks very much everybody, thanks for those kind words, and thanks to the City of San José. And on behalf of all the employees of Xactly, I accept this commendation very proudly. We're very happy to be downtown here in San José and be a member -- contributing member to the community. Xactly is an exciting company. It's a revolutionary company, we're providing software as a service to hundreds and hundreds of companies to automate commission payments for their sales team. It's great to have a partner like San José to do business with, and be, as I said, a contributing member in the society down here. So thanks very much. I appreciate it. [applause]

>> Councilmember Chirco: Thanks.

>> Appreciate it.

>> Councilmember Chirco: Then Councilmember Liccardo will remain up here while Dr. Patrick Kerns joins us. Today we're issuing a proclamation recognizing November 14th 2009, as world diabetes day in the City of San José. And Councilmember Liccardo would like to add some more.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Thank you, Vice Mayor. We are celebrating world diabetes day. And you might ask, why do we celebrate such a thing? Well, because we know a quarter of a billion human beings on this planet, over that many, currently have to deal with the daily challenges of diabetes and all the suffering that entails. And several years ago, in 1991, the international diabetes federation and World Health Organization decided to start a tradition of declaring a World Diabetes Day to ensure that we can really push this effort to educate about prevention, to enable people to be able to help control the disease in various ways, certainly awareness and education is critical. We know about the healthy lifestyle changes that need to be made often to improve our chances at prevention as well as for control and improving our diet. And so this is an effort to get the word out. This Saturday at 5:30 p.m, at the Circle of Palms in Downtown San Jose we will have the World Diabetes Day celebration there, and then on to the Fairmont. And we're doing all we can to get the word out to Americans throughout the country. We know 1.6 million Americans every year will get diagnosed with diabetes, joining some 24 million children and adults who currently have the disease. Why did they pick this day to celebrate World Diabetes Day? Well, it happens to be the birthday of Frederick Banting who is a co-discoverer of insulin in 1922. So to help spread the word, we're very pleased to have incoming board chair of the American Diabetes Association of Silicon Valley as well as the head of chronic care at VNC, Dr. Patrick Kerns. And I'd ask the vice mayor to present him with the proclamation and ask him to say a few words. [applause]

>> I'd like to thank the Vice Mayor, and councilman Liccardo, for the opportunity to represent the American diabetes association on behalf of diabetes, world diabetes day, which we're going to be celebrating in San José with the rest of the world, all of the large cities will light a landmark edifice in their community. If you see blue, on a building, that is to denote commitment to care and cure for diabetes around the world. It's a remarkable phenomenon that we have world leaders from all the major nations, including the -- every continent in our world, committed on this day to gathering to disseminate knowledge about diabetes. And Councilmember Liccardo gave you the numbers. In San José, that's where we live, and that's where the impact of diabetes affects us mostly, and that's what we're going to be looking at on Saturday and talking about. But realize that one in three of our children are going to be dealing with diabetes personally by the time that they're 40, if we don't do something. And in our particular community, as citizens of San José, that's one in 2 of our five-year-old children by the time they're 40, will have diabetes. And we are committed to help them live with it, and hopefully, to find a cure for diabetes

through the efforts of the American diabetes association. Thank you very much for your attention, and please, go out and hug somebody with diabetes, and I'll do that right now. Thank you. [applause]

>> Mayor Reed: Our next item is the consent calendar. Are there items on the consent calendar that councilmembers would like to pull for discussing? Discussing, I'm sorry. Councilmember Liccardo.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: 2.7.

>> Mayor Reed: I don't have my lights yet so if there's anybody else.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Move to approve the remainder.

>> Mayor Reed: Move to approve the balance of the consent calendar. All in favor, opposed none opposed, consent calendar's approved with the exception of item 2.7. Take that up now, Councilmember Liccardo.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to congratulate the P-bid board, property based improvement district in downtown for their extraordinary works and all the folks at Groundworks who have been working so hard to make our downtown sparkle. In addition to all the work they do in terms of cleaning we've seen the data, 3600 graffiti reports in the last year, 44,000 times they gave directions to a wayward visit to our downtown. Those kinds of statistics, I know they're just numbers. But the reality is, they make our downtown friendlier, they make our people feel safer, and they certainly make it more appealing to be here. And I also wanted to note their low administrative costs, under 9%. I think that's wonderful. I particularly appreciate the PBID board's willingness to meet with some adjacent property owners just outside the core who are interested in participating and having the services brought to them. It's a wonderful model and I hope we're able to expand it throughout the city. With that I'll move to approve.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion is to approve. All in favor opposed none opposed that's approved. We're going to take up the financing authority agenda first. Before we get into the rest of the council, city council items. And we have a couple items on the financing authority agenda. Items 2 and item 3. Item 2 is related to the Brookwood family apartments, item 3 is related to orcrete oh family apartments. Before we get into this I just want to disclose that my staff in preparation for this meeting has talked to Jonathan Imami from ROEM. And with that, we'll open it up for the hearing on item 2 of the financing authority which is the Brookwood family apartments. Councilmember Liccardo.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I would -- I have no comments to make. I'd simply make a motion to approve. Is that motion appropriate at this time or are we simply opening the hearing?

>> Mayor Reed: I think we need a motion to approve.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Okay, I'll be happy to make that motion.

>> Mayor Reed: It's a series of resolutions to be adopted. I have a couple of questions about this one and the other one, as well. I'll ask them now. I just got a confidential memorandum from the City Attorney which was issued a little bit over an hour ago. I don't know if anyone else has had a chance to read it. I haven't had a chance to read it and I think the council ought to have some more time to figure that out. But one question I had is, if you look at both of these items, how much money are we spending here, between these two approvals? \$28 million, I know that, because I read it recently. Is there staff here to talk about it?

>> City Manager Figone: Yes, Mr. Mayor, staff is here.

>> Mayor Reed: I asked the question a few weeks ago in the Rules Committee when we had another housing matter on the agenda, what that impact might have on the budget for the redevelopment agency or the housing department going forward. And so that's really the same question here is, how much money are we spending and what impact might it have on the housing department budget or the redevelopment agency budget.

>> Sure. This is Jackie Morales Brand and I'm the assistant director for the housing department. There's approximately \$21 million of underlying loans for both of these deals, Orvieto and Brookwood. As stated on the memo, these underlying loans don't impact the RDA budget because we assumed that these loans were going to be funded when we did the agency projections.

>> Mayor Reed: Those \$21 million of underlying loans are loans from whom to whom?

>> The underlying, the 21 million are from the 20% fund. They are from the City of San José to Orvieto and Brookwood.

>> Mayor Reed: So we're spending \$21 million here in the form of loans to these two projects?

>> Correct.

>> Mayor Reed: Whether or not we have an obligation to do that I think is an interesting legal question that really is the subject of the city attorney's memorandum, which probably nobody has had an opportunity to read. So my question is, can we wait another week to do this approval, so we have a chance to understand the issues the City Attorney has outlined?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Assuming the time is not a constraint, I'd be happy to amend my motion.

>> City Attorney Doyle: I think the November 30th date was the deadline but --

>> The bonds have to close by the end of this month as required..

>> City Attorney Doyle: So the question is, if we came back on the 17th, would there be --

>> Would that be sufficient time? I believe we could delay for an additional week and allow for the bonds to close.

>> Mayor Reed: We've been debating, as people noticed yesterday, how to fund the state takeaway from the redevelopment agency, and one of the proposals by the executive director is to borrow from the housing departments \$75 million over two years. This is \$20 million right here, and of these two projects, of money that we're going to spend, out of housing funds.

>> Correct, but again, these were \$21 million that the city council had previously approved and that these developments have been working consistently since that approval in order to get closed. And again, these -- the agency budget in which the housing department has been working proactively with in trying to seek a solution does not entertain that we need to use these funds.

>> Mayor Reed: But people are saying we're going to shut down the housing program and this is \$20 million. If we don't have to spend it I think that's something they at least have to think about before you pull the trigger and spend the money. Because it's in some categories not obligated; am I right? I know I have encumbered and committed and obligated, and all those things have different meanings, depending upon who you're asking. But if it's an optional choice, the council ought to at least think about that before they spend the money, knowing how difficult it's going to be to close the gap on the redevelopment budget.

>> I just do want to point out that the current negotiations that we're looking at with our lenders on the \$50 million line of credit, they've made it very clear to us that they would like to fund those, but only if we can fund projects. So both Orvieto and Brookwood would benefit from that \$50 million line of credit that we are looking at, taking out in order to assist the agency budget. So actually moving forward with these deals helps us to receive that financing.

>> Mayor Reed: City Manager.

>> City Manager Figone: Yes, given the staff has indicated a week delay is not an issue, I think council should have the time to read the memo. I have briefly read it. I think it's important that you have that attorney's advice before you take the next step.

>> Mayor Reed: I think it's important to know what impact it might have. If this would help us with the negotiations with our lenders that would be a good thing. But it is money that we're spending, no doubt about that, it's real dollars. So if -- I think the motion is amended to defer for a week? Okay. Further discussion on it? And well, you can all find the memo that I was referring to. Motion to defer for a week, all in favor? Opposed, none opposed, that's approved. Was that on both items 2 and 3? I'm sorry I didn't ask that.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I'll make the same motion on item 3.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion is to defer for a week.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I guess just to make clear the timing issue is the same on item 3 as well? No, it's not. There is a deadline on -- is this Belovida? Perhaps could we get some clarification about that before we make any -- before I make any motions?

>> Mayor and councilmembers, Kristin Clemons with the housing department. I manage the project development team. The issue with Belovida is that an extension has been asked for and obtained. They must close bonds by the 30th. There no extension request at SIDLAC at this point and everything has been driving to close next week on this deal.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I'm sorry, I heard you say the 30th.

>> The 30th, because of the holidays, the planned preclose date is the 18th and the closing on the 20th.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Okay. I'm looking now to Rick because he may have some insight about what this means.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Well, I guess the question is, is could we continue and I'll ask Patty, could we continue with processing the bond documents, knowing that the council will -- may not take action until the 17th?

>> Yes, we can continue working towards closing the bond documents.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Would we still make the same dates?

>> Right now for all three of these transactions we need to close on the 30th. And so, if we delay it a week we should still be able to make that deadline. It will be pushing staff and it will be pushing the consultants because of the Thanksgiving holidays but that's definitely doable.

>> I guess one other perspective I would add is that there are several -- there are three private lenders or investors, companies involved in this closing. And they all need to also get to the finish line at the same time with us. And I personally am concerned about the message that sends to our partners about our willingness to go forward on this deal. So I would recommend it stay on the agenda today. But obviously it's your decision.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Mayor and council can I think just from a technical legal perspective, the documents are as described in the memos are fairly complicated, fairly lengthy. I don't anticipate any change in the documentation. I think what you're seeing is the question of whether or not the council wants to study the issues a little bit more whether to go forward or not and I think that was the mayor's comment about the budget issues. So I don't expect documents to exchange at all so we'll be lined up ready to go just assuming the council gives the green light. So I don't think a one week delay doesn't prejudice the project.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, we'll need to clarify that we have two actions on the financing authority agenda, item 2 and 3, that's Brookwood and Orvieto. 4.3 is the multifamily housing at Belovida at Newbury, so they're on two different agendas all headed towards the same date, it sounds like, for closing.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Yes, thank you for that clarification, Mayor. So specifically with regard to Orvieto, I understand David Neil is here. I'm sorry, not your project, I'm sorry, got the wrong developer, Jonathan Imami is here. Jonathan, could you just inform us if there's any other information we should be apprised of, in terms of, is deferral of one week going to impact the ability to get this done?

>> One of the things I would like to mention, that hasn't been mentioned yet, is back in March, then again in May, when these projects did come before council, we were approved for land acquisition financing commitments at that time. We then went out and bought the land. So of the \$20 million we're talking about, \$10 million has already been spent to acquire the project. The request that's been asked now is merely for the City of San José to accept its role as the issuer of the bonds that are allocated from the State. So we've received allocation from SIDLAC and an allocation from the taxpayers allocation committee and have those approvals, and it's now for the council to accept the bond allocation and to be the issuer. So as far as an impact, I agree with what staff had said. As far as the message that's going to be sent to our investors, that the project is being delayed, they are definitely time sensitive and time is of the essence to move these projects forward. I hope the majority of you got a chance to read my memo yesterday, expressing the benefits that these projects do have in moving forward. There's going to be a significant amount of city fees that will be paid. There's going to be a significant amount of jobs that will be created, and then most importantly, the affordable housing units that will be developed and delivered over time. But I would urge the council to take the appropriate steps to move forward and actually approve its role as issuer of the bonds and not take the week delay.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Liccardo.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Thank you, Jonathan. I don't doubt anything you've said about the benefits of this project.

>> Sure.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: My real focus is simply are we going to prejudice the ability of you to move forward one week. What I think I'm hearing is the answer is no, although I know folks are going to have some hard feelings. If I'm mistaken about that, by all means let me know. But my concern is, we need to have everybody on board here to approve this, and it's not obvious we have everybody on board. So given the fact we've been offered a memorandum in the last hour or two I think it's probably helpful for us to defer this a week so I'd like to make that motion at this time.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Reed: Okay, the motion is to defer item 3. I'm not sure I took a vote on item 2. City Clerk? Did we vote on item 2? I don't think we voted on that. Yes, okay, item 3, the motion is to defer for one weekly. All in favor, opposed, none opposed, we'll delay that one week. Number 3 which we haven't talked about was the Belovida at Newbury, we need a question of staff, how much real money we were putting into these it was \$20 million I think for Brookwood and Orvieto, there is more money going into newbury park, is that right?

>> Mr. Mayor, Kristin Clemons. Most of those funds have already been disbursed in terms of early acquisition loans and loan acquisition funds. The Belovida, we have \$21,4 none,671 committed for construction perm. We have a back stop committed of 3.1 million. Council heard these items I believe in May. And of those funds 11.8 have yet to be disbursed. The remainder have been disbursed.

>> Mayor Reed: Well my question I think is, of all the money that hasn't been disbursed, among these three projects, how much is on the table with the approval of the three projects? Money that hasn't been disbursed?

>> The money that hasn't been disbursed outlined in the legal memo as well. 5.8 for Brookwood.

>> The total is 21 across the three projects?

>> 12, 23, 24 .

>> Mayor Reed: It is more than \$20 million. On this one, further comments? Councilmember Liccardo?

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Again, I'm just interested in the question of timing. Are we under the same conditions and restrictions?

>> Again, the Cidlac deadline as of the end of the month, there has been no request made by the city for an extension nor would there be really good grounds for a an extension save a five day emergency extension needed after November 30th. For Belovida, I feel the timing is more sensitive and the other partners are probably culminating their financing. I would urge this item be heard today and not deferred by one week.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Can you articulate why this is different than the other two projects?

>> The other two projects have the potential which the bonds memo indicates of a change of financial structure so the underwriting is -- they're going down dual tracks. So the underwriters, the lenders and the investors are already trying to be flexible and look at the deal for a couple of different ways for Orvieto and Brookwood. For Belovida, all commitments are made. The timing for the commitments for the investors and the lenders usually are pretty time sensitive. So would it kill the deal if we delayed one week, perhaps not. Would it make people ask several questions, yes.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I guess -- I understand what you -- I think I understand what you're saying. The real question for me is does it make anyone pull out or does it make anything stop?

>> I'm probably not the best person to opine on that, perhaps someone in core builders or core affordable could come up .

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you, Dixie.

>> Hi, good afternoon, Dixie Bouse with core affordable housing. Does it make anyone pull out or get nervous? It is possible. It is possible in that we're very date-sensitive on when we can put the building out and that depends on all the tax schedules and all of the representations we've made for our equity investor for the sale of the federal tax credits. Any loss of one week puts construction back one week which puts us back into another credit delivery month which would have negative financial impacts for the entire project producing what we call negative credit adjustors. What that means is, in real English? We run out of investors. Once you have a noticeable gap in the construction of the permanent financing what generally happens is all underwriting stops at that point and you really have to reunderwrite it.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Herrera.

>> Councilmember Herrera: I'm concerned that approving the one we're looking at right now is the bulk of the money we're talking about that's still on the table, 11.8. I really want to be apprised of what our City Attorney, the information he has that I don't have. That worries me. When I'm asked to make a decision and I don't have all the information. It sounds like even though there's a big concern about this project and it sounds like it's going to cause a lot of questions to be asked I've not heard definitively that it would hurt the project if we delayed one week. the 30th is still the deadline. We're not suggesting that that be changed. The paperwork's already in progress. I want all the information. I would like a deferral of one week.

>> City Attorney Doyle: And councilmember, let me just echo, I believe this is, correct me if I'm wrong Patty, the bond closing dates are after next Tuesday.

>> That's correct.

>> City Attorney Doyle: So the -- nothing is going to change with respect to closing the deal. If we just stay on the all systems are go subject to the city council taking formal action, authorizing the issuance of the bonds. Everybody has been working on this and all that is in place. It's just that the closing date, nothing is going to change. The city council is not taking action today, they would take action next Tuesday instead.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Liccardo.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Thank you, mayor. Could I inquire as to whether taking a recess, allowing everybody to read the memo and be up to speed, would allow enough comfort to go ahead, it is an open-ended question. If folks aren't comfortable doing that I understand. And we'll certainly defer it. But if we could recess for a half hour, allow folks to read the necessary documents that have just been released and come back I'd be happy to proceed that way as well. Okay, I'm sensing there's not a lot of support for the idea of taking a recess.

>> Mayor Reed: I think most people want to have a chance to think about it.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: I understand. I'll be honest with you my biggest concern with all these developers is we've been along a path where we've been making commitments, they've been making commitments as a result. I'm not interested in leaving anyone high and dry. I'd like to ensure that we are all supportive, I'd like to delay one week to ensure we have enough votes going forward to have support. I'll make the motion to delay one week.

>> Mayor Reed: All in favor, opposed, none opposed, deferred for one week. All three items will be on the November 17th council agenda. Now we'll move back into the city council agenda, starting with item 3.1, report City Manager.

>> City Manager Figone: Thank you Mr. Mayor, members of the council. One update today. I wanted to update you on the City's response to the gang related violence that took place this past week. Including the tragedy that occurred on Halloween night. As you know the police department has arrested suspects in the Halloween night incident and it is actively work investigations on the other incidents. Within hours of each incident, the mayor's gang prevention task force activated its community response protocol the protocol brings together a specialized team consisting of police personnel, staff from Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services and especially gained, and any further escalation of violence. The team works with school administrators, neighborhood leaders, community centers, churches and community based organizations and also makes direct contact with organic impacted youth. In addition at the urging of Mayor Reed and Councilmember Campos and Nguyen, both the alarm and Mayfair community centers stayed open with extended hours this past weekend, Friday and Saturday night. Approximately 80 youth took advantage of the extended hours over the weekend and staff will continue to assess the need of late night prang alum Rock school district we will hold a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening, at the meeting which will be held at Lee matson middle school, provide information on available resources and engage the community in the development of next steps including a determination of the need for future late night programming in community centers and we will keep you updated. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Next item is 3.2, report of Rules and Open Government for October 13th, 2009. Motion is to approve, all in favor, opposed, none opposed, that's approved. 3.4, proposed revisions not San José municipal code relating to potential conflicts of interest in the office of independent police auditor. Motion to approve. Councilmember Campos.

>> Councilmember Campos: Thank you, mayor. Rick, I wanted to ask you a question regarding this. I think that it's important that we add that new verbiage to this policy. But the amount that -- well, first of all, before I talk about the money, if there were a conflict in this department, would the council be informed that there is a conflict of interest with the independent police auditor or anybody in her office?

>> City Attorney Doyle: I think it would be incumbent upon you to let her know, and she would have to go outside and hire an outside consultant. So --

>> Councilmember Campos: So would we know through a memo or a closed session? What would be the manner?

>> City Attorney Doyle: There is no reason to go into closed session it is not a potential closed session item, it would most likely be a confidential memo.

>> Councilmember Campos: Most likely a confidential memo. Thank you, I appreciate that. The one thing I'm hesitant on is the authority to -- not that I don't -- I think the money will be misused, but not knowing, without having something that triggers the council, and know for sure that there is a conflict of interest, and that X amount of dollars is -- it's going to cost for independent auditor to do this, I'm really having problems giving that authority, without knowing -- without the council being able to be part of that decision.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Well, the concern, you can always ask that the auditor come to council to get authority to enter into a contract. It's designed this way, giving her authority to do it, because she has ethical obligation of her own. Then consistent with her own guidelines, it would be incumbent for her to enter into that contract interfering with the independence of the police auditor. I think the concern would be, if the council objected to her exercising her obligations that there might be an interference issue.

>> Councilmember Campos: So is there a way to just trigger that we know that she is going to use this funding so that we're aware that there's funding being used is there a way to trigger so that the council knows that money is being used to go out and get an independent auditor?

>> City Attorney Doyle: I think you can put something guidelines in the gliifers. I'm looking at Chivaun.

>> Yes, Shivaun be Nurr cervetion many acting police auditor. I'm sewage you.

>> Councilmember Campos: Yes that's what I'm talking about yes.

>> We could indicate if such, form the City Attorney requests so that you're notified we are going outside, time is of the essence so we do need to do these quickly because generally on such a case you -- I would anticipate that it would be something that would be coming up within a year. We do have to do investigations within a year.

>> Councilmember Campos: And Shivaun, I'm not worried that you are going out for an independent auditor, what it is is, we've been talking about budgets, money and I think we should be apprised of any moneys that is spent regardless of what the amount is for whatever reason, so that at least we understand what the scope is. And that's really more of what I'm addressing my question towards. How do we get informed that she's going to spend the full amount or half the amount or a portion of the amount.

>> City Attorney Doyle: Well, you obviously have the control over the budget so it's -- would have to be contained as part of her budget. And so the other thing is that there is an issue, we've put in the \$250,000 limit because that's currently the limit that the City Manager and other appointees have. You can always -- there is a conversation taking place now coming back to council reducing that authority. It doesn't have to be 250, it can be something less than 250. We can always revisit that as part of the larger conversation.

>> Councilmember Campos: Okay then I'll revisit that as part of the larger conversation. But I appreciate you putting in the memo that I don't want them to interfere with the independents and.

>> Shivaun Nurre: As far as that dollar amount, in terms much what I've looked at in other agencies that do hire outside, you know, we could definitely put in a lower dollar.

>> Councilmember Campos: That would be helpful, thank you and with that I move for approval.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion is to approve. I'd like to add, I think it would be relatively simple. If we get a memo from somebody are saying, so-and-so has been retad to do the work, just so we know who's assigned to do the work. I don't think it would be complicated for to you do so motion is to approve, all in favor, opposed, none opposed, thank you very much. Number 3.6, report of Rules and Open Government, October 14th, 2009. Motion is to approve. All in favor, opposed, none opposed, that's approved. 4.1 is report of Community and Economic Development October 26th, 2009. Councilmember Pyle chairs that committee.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Thank you, mayor. Monthly report, city staff is working with seven company prospects that have the potential to bring in over 700 jobs to San José including an LED lighting manufacturer, two I.T. equipment manufacturers, three software companies, and a national moving company. In reference to new retail

attraction, this should make Councilmember Herrera happy, staff is initiating a general plan amendment to allow for over 300,000 square feet of retail space to be developed in the Evergreen area. In Optini solar and Or solar panels, maybe the most powerful in the world which will be customized specifically for park structures across from City Hall. As of this date, envision San José 2040 Wiki planning has successfully 4,000 individuals which represents a wide array of community input. The City Manager's downtown advisory committee has said that they produced the city's hospitality zone assessment report and have nominated San José for the outstanding achievement in hospitality zone safety award. The nomination is based on the positive steps San José has made since the development of the HZA report in our entertainment zone and the process city staff conducted for developing a new entertainment zone policing model. In reference to the international marketplace, the Office of Economic Development hosted a visit by biocat, a biotechnology organization from catalonia, Spain. In addition to meeting with OED and the catalonia trade and investment agency has an office the in San José and plans to bring six catalonia companies to San José as a base of their operations, on the pts. tapestry and arts festival the fifth I might add took place on September 5th to 7th, as one of the oldettes Downtown San Jose celebrations. This event featured 150 booths, that included food and indoor home and garden show drawing an estimated 100,000 attendees and bringing an economic benefit of an estimated \$12 million and then the San José mariachi and Latin music festival also took place in September from the 20th to 27th. It was the 18th. And for the first time ever grammy award winner Linda Ronstadt turned out to be the director benefit of an estimated \$1.8 million. So who says these events don't pay off! And with that, mayor, I submit my report. And the rest is in the binder.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion?

>> Councilmember Pyle: Move to approve.

>> Second.

>> Mayor Reed: Move to approve. Councilmember Oliverio.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Thank you, mayor. Paul we're having discussions coming up here very shortly about how we prioritize redevelopment money and you know, you're at the center of our employment recruitment, our company recruitment, et cetera. How sit that redevelopment agency been able to assist you historically or presently in recruitment for companies, et cetera?

>> Mayor Reed: Your choice. Seated or standing. Come on up.

>> Paul Krutko: Good afternoon. Paul Krutko, chief development officer. Councilmember Oliverio, I think that one of the things that's very unique about San José, in my experience, and I've been doing this for 30 years around the country, is that there's been a significant resource available to us from the agency, to facilitate many, many projects in San José over time. The partnership between the agency as a funder has been very, very key to making a variety of projects happen, and put us in a competitive position. I think the key thing that I would share with you, is that the part of the partnership that's very important to us is to recognize that the small, very small staff that we have in OED works very hard with our development services partners in transportation, in planning, in Public Works, housing, to facilitate projects throughout the city. So as Harry pointed out yesterday in his presentation, RDA represents about 18% of the City's land area. There's another 82% that is served, but we serve projects throughout the development area. So in the past there has been money within the support services that was at a much higher percentage supporting economic development. Over time that's been reduced in times of prior difficulties in the agency's budget. So the partnership has been very key. We have very few people actually working in the recruitment area, limited resources so the collaboration of partnership has been very important to advance that agenda.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Thank you.

>> Paul Krutko: I don't know that I got to the heart of your question but if --

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Sure, no, I appreciate this. Let me ask you this. If we didn't have -- if you didn't have the four million from the redevelopment agency, to you believe you would be able to have brocade stay in San José?

>> Paul Krutko: Well, the key question on that councilmember is where we've been able--we've been able to recruit companies with financial assistance and without financial assistance. So we didn't contribute anything to -- in terms of an incentive to retain eBay here and garner that expansion. So each and every we have compelling reasons for companies to be here. We need to serve as the mayor's pointed out many times as the speed of business. Respond on permitting. Some reasons for us to be competitive. Having resources on the table is important. And given that the state of California, in our competition with other states, does not participate, you've often heard me comment, Texas has a \$100 million close the deal fund. That's a tough thing for us to compete with even with having resources on occasion for deals. So each transaction is different and we need to put our best foot forward with the resources and staffing capabilities we have.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: I appreciate that on a geographic basis, we can't expect to contribute with those large pocket funds from other states but we have this advantage geographically where we're at with the people that are here and the venture capital, et cetera. If I'm to understand RDA's funding to enable job growth gives you another quiver in your pool of arrows to get jobs here.

>> Paul Krutko: Yes. My understanding, the agency made available \$1 million in two funds that could be used for attraction on a go-forward basis. So that's what I understand are the resources in the agency budget for that kind of 911.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Fair enough. I appreciate the work of the OED but at the same time, I understand that there's been coming from the redevelopment agency.

>> Paul Krutko: That's fair.

>> Mayor Reed: We have a motion to approve of the report from the CED committee. All in favor? Opposed? None opposed, that's approved. Taking us to 4.2, First Amendment to the development agreement with Novellus systems. We have a motion to approve this. I need to, disclose that we my office has had arks Shanehauer from equity financial.

>> Eric Shanehauer and the Shanehauer company represents equity financial ones memo of support on this request for an amendment to our development agreement. We hope that you'll all support that however this is only the first step. Our project in effect does not have a two year extension until our PD permit and our attentive map are also extended commensurate with the time line in this development agreement. When you all eums yums five months later we'd still be sitting and waiting for an extension to our PD maps and tentative permits. Will come to a conclusion quickly and that our project, where we're invests 85 million in the city so far will be a recipient of that two year extension. At this point we haven't been told that we will be. We have to fill out surveys just like other to earn a two-year extension so we appreciate your support today and are hopeful that the subsequent PD permit extensions will come forward. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: I want to thank Novellus and equity financial for their commitment. I met with another developer earlier this week with another residential project in North San José. They've spent \$100 million so far and they've yet to break ground. It takes a lot to stay with a project but it does allow Novellus to continue its growth and expansion at north San José and we're hopping that some day it will develop new housing as well. I had a couple of questions for staff, I think Laurel Prevetti is here. Would I like to know about the other extensions, council direction I didn't think contemplated having a beauty contest so maybe Mr. Shanehauer is misperceiving it. But we wanted to -- directed staff to go ahead and extend for copies that are committed and working and then inquire about the rest of them that mostly are dead because we know some of them are dead now. Laura.

>> Laurel Prevetti: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and council, Laura Prevetti, assistant planning director. We look forward to coming back to you in December with a plan on how to move forward. For those, PD permits and tentative maps along. When we get back upstairs to the office I'll personally check on the status of the PD permit. It is our expectation that we will be moving fast and furious so we can move forward. It is not a beauty contest, but per the council direction in June, it is more of a readiness. Are these companies making positive moves forward to demonstrate their commitment to invest in San José.

>> Mayor Reed: Any other questions? Councilmember Pyle.

>> Councilmember Pyle: I did, I wanted to get a better understanding of the delay, that is corks months.

>> Laurel Prevetti: As you know, councilmember, our department is bracing many, so that is moving forward, concurrently we are in the process of complete being the readiness survey for the north San José project, in addition, we are looking at perhaps some innovative ways to reduce the cost to our development community. So we've got multiple tears and mum-k sort of all the economic development that this community needs.

>> Councilmember Pyle: And then the other question is, what are the measurements? What do you use of determiners of whether or not Novellus is ready? (w) well, for all the projects, we have seen to where they have actually purchased the land, when they were going through the earlier commitment process they had options. are they committed, do they, because of the limited number of phase 1ons residential housing units that we really give those to the projects that are truly ready, ready to break down, securing their of course, et cetera.

>> Councilmember Pyle: Thanks, that makes it much more understandable, the your explanation on that. Thank you.

>> Laurel Prevetti: Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: No more questions? Motion to approve ton floor? All in favor, opposed, that's approved.

>> Mayor Reed: 2001 special venue and recycling report. John Stufflebean I think is here to lead that.

>> John Stufflebean: Good afternoon, John Stufflebean, director of environmental services. We're very pleased to bring this item before you today before I started I did want to clarify one thing, you may have gotten the additional supplemental or the add on which is we probably should have used the term Polly styrene. Styrofoam is commonly referred to as the proper term would be styrene or polystyrene cups and plates and so on we are recommending banning polystyrene, from events, plastic and paper cups are required, both of which are readily expandable and recyclable. Why are we focusing on polystyrene? S's because it is commonly known, its persists, it easily transported by wind. For the past two years we have been piloting these recommendations at events and as I'm sure you've probably heard, we are very proud to announce that we have -- we did win the governor's award for economic leadership last month because of the great success of last weekend. Last weekend, the jazz event, 97% was averted and not put into the landfill. A lot of hard work for a lot of folks . So obviously, the results of the pilot were that we generate a lot less waste at events. We've worked extensively with event organizers to hear their concerns and to help them transition to these changes and they are essentially on board with these ideas. They tell us that there are advantages to polystyrene and they are basically comparable in cost to the polystyrene products. We scrm green events, and this support or effort of course to make San José a greener story. I guess I would complete my note in that there are 28 other municipalities in California that have taken similar actions on polystyrene so this is something that is happening across the state. And I'd be glad to answer any questions you have. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Councilmember Liccardo.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Thanks mayor. John I wanted to thank you and congratulate you and Jo Zintec, governor Schwarzenegger came by and gave her an award, that's wonderful to get that kind of recognition in the San José. In the attachment you can see that 30 additional city events actually came up and requested technical assistance or loaner stations or other kinds of helps, that tells us the word is spreading oomsz that's great news. I wanted to just clarify one issue. I know we discussed over the weekend that this is not actually imposing any new costs on those event producers who I know are operating on a shoestring budget right now, is that correct?

>> John Stufflebean: That is correct.

>> Councilmember Liccardo: Thank you very much, John. I want to thank you and Bob Hennessey and the Conservation Corps for their great work. Notion to approve.

>> Mayor Reed: Motion to approve. Councilmember Oliverio.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Are there any other events you have come to council in this type regard ?

>> John Stufflebean: We are certainly considering a wider ban on polystyrene, we'll be looking that as a possibility.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: That's the next one possibly coming forward?

>> John Stufflebean: Yes, possibly.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Anything else you're looking for down the road?

>> John Stufflebean: Well, yeah. I'd rather not reveal them today but there are certainly other things we can do. We'll be working with T&E. .

>> Councilmember Oliverio: We're making decisions on what to ban so I was just curious . Thank you.

>> City Manager Figone: John I think you just referred to this but you would typically bring these through T&E before coming to council?

>> John Stufflebean: Yes.

>> City Manager Figone: Before coming to council.

>> John Stufflebean: Yes, ma'am.

>> City Manager Figone: Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: As national pollution discharge elimination program, the permit that will require us to control trash among other things whether we like it or not. Some cases we like it some cases we don't. Councilmember Kalra.

>> Councilmember Kalra: Thank you, mayor. I also just wanted to thank you John and your team. I know that even though people generally speaking would like to prefer to be green sometimes the organizers and the vendors there is a cost issue so I appreciate the fact that you've taken them into account you've talked to them and worked with them. I think moving forward as you implement other ideas how we can make these other events greener they would be receptive, saying okay we're going to push this on you and deal with it so I definitely appreciate that and evening going O&M I know Councilmember Liccardo has been working on the events issues and trying to make the events more affordable in permit what we're doing here in trying at least be reasonable how we approach some of these event organizers and vendors who really make a play usually making our city an interesting and vibrant city. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: I think that completes the discussion on this. Swee have a motion to approve. All in favor, opposed, none opposed, that's approved. That includes the city council portion of the agenda. We will take up the redevelopment agency hearing on the 2009-10 revised capital and operating budgets and 2010 to 15 capital improvement program. We had a study session on this yesterday. We will have this hearing this afternoon. We will not conclude it until this evening. We will continue until 7:00 p.m. That way anybody who wasn't able to make it during the daytime can speak so if you want to talk about the redevelopment agency budget, now is the time to get the cards in. We're not here to take action, we're here to hear from the public, the opportunity for the public to get geajtd to do. So get your cards in. I'd like to take Sol Wachter and Valerie Kane first.

>> Good afternoon. My name is Sol Wachter, and I represent the social justice council of the first Unitarian church of San José. And the affordable housing network. The proposal to take millions of dollars, owing the state, out of the affordable housing fund of the housing department should be defeated. It would effectively end the City's commitment to encourage development of affordable housing for the thousands of families who desperately need

to get out of doubling up, overcrowd and unsafe conditions in our continuing housing crisis. The loss of housing units also means a loss in construction jobs and building permit income for the city. Let me remind you of the number of families that will be affected by this proposal. The consolidating housing plan, that this body adopted by this body ooms recognizes that 59,000 households are in need of housing that they can afford. 44,000 of these are extremely low income and very low income families. This means that about 132,000 men, women and children will be adversely affected by this proposal. We ask you not to solve this issue by increasing the suffering of the most needy and vulnerable families in San José. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Valerie Kane. Ross Signorino, agie Agomoto.

>> Thank you, and its current form. Specifically, I'm here with a number of different people to reconsider the \$75 million take from the affordable housing fund. I understand you're faced with financial challenges like never before but solving these challenges from the affordable housing fund alone will cause unneeded hard shiches for those who need it the most. You will freeze everything for the next five years and possibly the next ten. I'm here both as an advocate with EH housing who will be here to talk more about our successes but also as somebody who moved here in the '90s in the last boom and I know whats like to live in a hotel room and wonder what comes 96. I ask for you to reconsider what this one decision will mean for thousands of working families in San José. Please please look at another way to try to solve these problems. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Ross Signorino, Aggie Agomoto and Jessica oop.. .

>> Ross Signorino: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the council. We keep telling people and like to hear it that we're the 10th largest city in the United States. I think we're truly blessed because we have people, who, early people way up in the years who are concerned, and they're well off themselves, reasonably comfortable, that they are concerned about other people's needs. I'm talking about affordable housing for people that are poor, low-income, very low income, for families them cells, and we are blessed that we have these people to come up here and defend these people before you and anyone else that's necessary, to tell you about this need. And not to let you forget it. Now we can go on here talking about budgets, cutting, back and fort, okay. We're in trouble. Nonetheless, but where we can make an effort to support affordable housing, now is the time to show that. We have numbers. We could talk about how many thousands of people, here and there, but it doesn't matter, the great the number. If it's one person, it's still a number that need to be taken care of. And these are the people that we take care of and must understand this. I know you want to be generous, I know you want to be kind. You got a budget to look at President. But then at the same time in that generosity and kindness that you have too, you must open up your heart and minds to the need for people that are in great need, with affordable housing. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Aggie Atamoto, Jessica, Stephanie Sayo .

>> Organic, Mayor Reed and councilmembers, I'm Aggie Itamoto, I'm president of the Japanese marriage museum in San José in the heart of Japantown here. I'm also on the board of directors for the Japantown community Congress for San José so I really speak from both hats. I'm a retired educator. We've had our share of budget cuts throughout the many, many years so I empathize what you're going through and I know you need to look at the bottom line dollars. I'm here to urge you to please protect or minimize any budget cuts to the redevelopment agency. They have helped us not only right now but over time, and I would say back to five years ago, with SB 307, the Vasconcelos bill to preserve Japantown. And without the assistance of RDA I don't know whether the museum or even if the Japantown community Congress could be where we are today. It began with my most vivid impression was, the town hall meetings. And RDA listened. I remember a proposal for gateways, and they listened! And it turned out to be a proposal instead for signage in Japantown which was much-needed. And there were three at least that I had attended and I saw staff members serving as scribes and helping in many ways, and not only for Japantown, town hall meetings but the festivals and all of the other events. Harry was there when we had our spirit of Japantown and the mayor has been there cracking those sake barrels for the opening of the ceremonies and many, many others that I can name. And it's for your visibility coming to Japantown which is now considered a gem of San José. I would say minimizing the budget cuts, we could have many other gems, throughout the community of San José. So thank you for your ear. And I urge you to go easy. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Jessica Garcia Cole, Stephanie sayo, Scott Knies.

>> Good afternoon, honorable mayor and councilmembers. For the record my name is Jessica Garcia Cole like those who spoke before me I want to ask that you don't approve the current RDA budget and you look at other alternatives to figure out how we are going to pay back the state, to pay the state. Affordable housing remains a top of priority not only in the business community here but in the community at large. I want to highlight two surveys to you to this point the first of which is one you're very comong with the SBLG CEO report that time and time again underscores be affordable housing as one of the top priorities of the CEOs valley. Secondly, is a recent survey done by the Gallup poll supported by the knight foundation and in this survey they found that San José rated the availability of affordable housing as their top concern. And this is then by the -- within the San José MSA and I know you want to say, that's Los Altos hills, and as the housing trust we've been able to leverage every dollar that you've given us and match three extra dollars that we're putting \$4 into your city for every dollar that you provide us. We want to continue to do that. First time home buyer programs that we've done have enabled over 2,000 people in this county to provide -- to find housing, that includes founder cheemps, 200 engineers. Support so we can continue to be innovative and continue to support programs that the city is not able to do. It is the City of San José who reached out to the housing trust to say hey that's great you guys are serving people up to 120% AMI above that limit so the housing trust now can serve -- if you're single individual and you're making \$103,000, we can still assist you in finding housing. Across that income gamut the housing trust serves a valuable valuable need in this cunt. We hope you will continue to support the housing trust and housing in this community thanks .

>> Mayor Reed: Stephanie Sayo. Scott Knies.

>> Good afternoon, Mayor Reed and councilmembers. My name is Stephanie Sayo park view senior apartments. We estimate that the proposed redevelopment budget has a dramatic emlow income seniors and people with disabilities. Over 1600 units will be in jeopardy if you vote for this as it is. Silicon Valley's success has brought in world class innovation and business. However many residents in San José are still struggling to make ends meet and despite shifts in the for-sale housing market, affordable rental housing remains out of reach for many low income families and seniors on fixed incomes. I understand that the RDA is faced with many challenges. Like it has never seen before. The take from the state is a significant burden on an already challenged agency however meeting the requirement of \$75 million by taking the full funds from the housing fund is not the action that serves San José residents best. We request that you share the burden of these times and not test -- not rest the challenge solely on those who need support the most. Please do not vote for this as it stands. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Scott Knies.

>> Good afternoon, mayor, members of the council, Scott Knies, executive director of San José downtown association. On Thursday, on the public hearing on the budget, Councilmember Constant was making an analogy that he's not going to be able to take his family to Disneyland, he's going to go to great America and after the study session yesterday I think he's going to go from great America to happy hollow. It certainly is a very difficult time for all of us in the budget that the agency as presented is an attempt to share the pain. I was struck yesterday by the county finance director's comments. And certainly, can empathize with the county. But like the housing friends that have already talked, everybody's ox is getting gored, once the state took the \$75 million. Certainly, the downtown business community is not wild about the parking fund being utilized here. But again, there's enough things in this budget for everybody not to like. And we're at a time here where we're all going to have to put on the boot straps and look at every single line item in this budget, where are you going to get the most bang for the buck. And a couple of the projects that you've kept in there, the convention center expansion, the land acquisition for the development around the Diridon station, hopefully for a ballpark for the A's, these are the type of returns on investment, great cities continue to make, even in the most dire of times. Certainly these are dire times. Difficult couple days you've got ahead of you. And I was struck also yesterday by the collaboration between agency and the city staff as you're coming up with some creative solutions over the next couple of weeks to put forward the best budget document. Good luck.

>> Mayor Reed: Jennie Nicholas, Diana Castillo.

>> Good afternoon, I'm Jennie Nicholas, I'm the CEO for EHF life builders and I just wanted to speak against this item today. Even though EHC does not necessarily provide the housing that we're looking for in this budget we are intricately linked to the effort to end homelessness and we know one of the things affordable housing that we need to make sure that those that are home vls a place that they can live in and afford and find stability. I just ask as a member of destination home and a participant in this process we are so close to developing the system of care that we need to be really addressing the needs of the homeless and the chronically homeless that we don't fall short in this area tough choices, I'm just asking that we don't have to take it all from that one place, that we share the pain. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Diana Castillo, Jim Crawford, James Zaretka.

>> Good afternoon, mayor coiks, my name is Diana Castillo, I'm an attorney with the fair housing law project a program of the law foundation of Silicon Valley. We represent clients who are facing discrimination in housing based on race, age, gender, disability, many different classifications. But we also represent victims of predatory lending practices who are falsely promised affordable housing through faulty loan products. Now, our clients today are facing homelessness through foreclosure, because they sought affordable housing in the first place. Our view is that now is not the time to take such a big cut in affordable housing that's desperately needed at this time. We echo EHC life builders in that this is the time to dedicate funding to continue that dedicated funding to affordable housing. We understand that affordable housing also needs to share, and the deficit that we're experiencing but we're seeking a fair share. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Jim Crawford, James Zaretka, Terry lasino.

>> Good afternoon, I'm Jim Crawford with the first United mefdz church. I'm a big fan of downtown, I live downtown, work downtown i'm a big fan of redevelopment. I think I know everybody over here and you know, we have been a part of redevelopment since the beginning practically. I hike what redevelopment does. But I would say two things. I would say there's not been enough public comment on this budget and the changed that have made. And I'm also a big fan of affordable housing. As the city knows, we step forward when the vintage tower came up for sale. And with the housing department's help, we bought this building rice cruet the street. And converted it into low-income housing which we've run now for the last five years, very effectively. It is 100% leased, all low and very low income housing which we couldn't have done without the housing department and the 20% set aside by the redevelopment agency. Funds like that will not be available for the next five years. If this budget goes through . Thus real people, 59 families live across the street who are low-income and they're not homeless. They're not, you know, people without jobs. They're people who work for you. They're people who are secretaries. They're people who are janitors, they're people who work in the restaurants that you eat in. They work hard for a living and they are just looking for a place where they can have a nice place to live, a quality place to live, a safe place to live at an affordable price and that's what we seek to provide. And that's what you provide as a city, help to do just that. So we understand this is a crisis and we understand it's not your fault. I'm so mad at the state for stealing this money, I get that. But I would just ask that this be shared, more equally, not all from housing.

>> Mayor Reed: James Zaretka, Terry lasino, Stan Taylor.

>> Good afternoon, James Zaretka with the law foundation of Silicon Valley. You heard from me a couple of days ago, so I won't rehash everything I talked about then. I'd like to say, you also have a letter from us that you got for the study session. The idea has been raised which I think is a very good one, the concept of not rubber stamping this budget but subjecting it to a public process where some of the items that are currently in the budget that are the lowest priority in various areas can get pulled out and subjected to some scrutiny and kind of put in relief against some of the public priorities you've heard articulated today and probably will hear tonight as well, things like affordable housing and supporting our neighborhoods, these are community values that you are going to hear and have heard again and again that these are important to our community. So we just want to make sure that this budget really reflects this community's priorities and shouldn't be rammed through without some public scrutiny. And so that's what we suggest and thank you for your time.

>> Mayor Reed: Terry lasino, Stan Taylor.

>> Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, council. You've already received a letter from Greg Kepperly, CEO of Catholic charities. And I am the director of step up Silicon Valley campaign to cut poverty. I'm also the public policy director at Catholic charities. First of all I want to thank the council for stepping up and becoming a partner with us in the campaign to cut poverty. And this is where we share the goal to ensure that every resident of this county and this city can secure the food, housing, health care, education and income needed to be self-sufficient and thrive. The issue before you today is a critical issue. Housing is the most -- it's the single most expensive item in a poor person's budget. Now I have to say step up strongly opposes the proposal that would deplete the affordable housing budget I when I first saw it I wanted to say whoa, let's take another look at this let's not develop another budget proposal that is inadequate, unfair and not equitable. We urge you to create a fair process for real meaningful public input like other speakers have already stated, that there needs to be a way for the community priorities to receive serious attention. Please take time to explore our alternative solutions. Affordable housing is willing to bear its fair share of the burden imposed by the governor and we ask that the burden of meeting the state's debt not fall entirely on the poor. All of us need to step up and look for alternatives. Step up along with other community groups is ready to assist in any way to examine critical priorities and look for alternatives in this budget in a way that's fair fair not in a way that's disproportionately targeting the poor. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Terry Iasino, Stan Taylor, Joseph de Salvo and rube uh Ruben slayer yow. .

>> Good afternoon, mayor and members of city council. I understand how difficult it must be in this extraordinarily stressing economic time to achieve a fair and balanced budget given the huge cuts being asked of the redevelopment agency. I speak as a concerned citizen and a member who works with the interfaith council on matters of social justice and I'd like to adapt a quote if I may from the Catholic bishops, you don't have to be a Catholic to understand this. They said we believe that a fundamental moral measure of a community's sps dignity of the most vulnerable members of our society. The needs of the poor and families of modest means are often overlooked. They deserve priority as you allocate economic resources and burdens. So they're saying a budget is essentially a statement of our values. I do not believe the current budget proposal reflects our community's values. Nor has it allowed the community a fair chance to provide sufficient input. To reflect those values. To that end I urge you not to adopt the RDA budget as proposed, create a fair process for meaningful public input to get those values fairly reflected, all budgets have lower budget priority proposals, give those items intensive scrutiny, reallocate funds to higher priority community projects such as neighborhood projects and strong neighborhood initiative services, affordable housing and projects that create jobs. So I support the critical priorities preservative initiative .

>> Mayor Reed: Ruben Solario .

>> Good afternoon. My name is Joseph de Salvo. I executive director, Chris Morissey and member John Verguson. Thank you for the opportunity to address you all on this important issue of the capital improvements of San José municipal stadium. As you most likely know, the stadium was constructed in 1942 and since then there have been minimal capital investments made in this important City of San José asset. San José municipal stadium is the home for the San José giants, the 2009 class A California champions, the San José giants recently were honored by minor league baseball as the 2009 recipient of the John H. Johnson's president's trophy given annually to the team that embodies the following characteristics: Contributions to baseball in this community and the promotion of the baseball industry. We are all proud of these great accomplishments. However. This bright portrait of our home team becomes much dimmer as we analyze the systems in the stadium that have been not -- have not been upgraded for 67 years. The following recommended capital improvements were approved by unanimous vote of all members of the arena authority board this fall. These improvement recommendations came after careful and deliberate review by the arena authority board's municipal stadium committee which I co-chair along with John Veerguson. We ask you in these extraordinary budgetary times of considering improvements in the areas we have identified, namely, electrical upgrades, sanitary sewer lines and waterproofing the main seating bowl. We congratulate the San José giants for their tremendous success and acknowledge their contributions of over \$2 million in stadium improvements over the last five years. We strongly believe that these initial improvements are critical to the giants' continued success and most importantly the safety of the fan base. Lastly the arena authority board will continue to review and monitor the capital operations of the stadium while closely working with city staff and the ownership of the San José giants. Thank you for your time.

>> Mayor Reed: Reuben Solario, Margaret BART, catholic charities of Santa Clara County and on behalf of not our agency but open behalf of the clients that we serve, we are here today to plea on their behalf since they're not here to speak for themselves. And it's all the folks that will be impacted. And as Terry lasino had mentioned earlier, we are all here on the campaign to cut poverty by the year 2020. And we can never achieve that goal if we begin to marginalize the poor even more so. And affordable housing becomes instrumental, I know you know that ooms having a roof over your head does give you that sense of stability, that ability to be comfortable and successful in your careers, to be able to know that you have a home to go back to, to have a warm place to be with your family, and a safe place to be. Obviously under bridges, in rivers and throughout our stress and under our overpasses is not that safe place. It doesn't give you that comfort, it doesn't provide you that ability to be successful academically, in the schools, right? In our professions and in our homes. So in order for us to be successful, I plea that not only something you showed me being a product of this community, to be a man for others, I encourage all of us to be men and women for others and not just for ourselves. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Margaret bard, Barbara bettencourt, Sandy Perry.

>> My name's Margaret bard. I'm the co-chair of the housing action coalition of Santa Clara County which is kind of an amazing coalition of environmentalists and builders and Realtors and nonprofit organizations of all kinds, and it's pretty hard for people to believe that we can agree on anything, but there's one thing we do agree on, and that's housing that's desperately needed in Santa Clara County. For people who earn less than 50,000 a year, there is practically no place to live without many, many, many families grouping together in one or two tiny rooms. Without San José housing building some affordable housing there's very little hope for those people. So this budget that pretty well prevents any affordable housing from being built for at least five years, we regard as disastrous. And we're hoping you'll take from the housing department only their fair share, not the whole thing. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Barbara bettencourt, Sandy Perry, Eve Wood.

>> Yes, my name is Barbara bettencourt and I'm happy to come here today to see your beautiful establishment. My first trip here and I'm with the American association of university women. We're celebrating our 100 years here in San José. As a branch. It's a national organization. I'm also with HAC as Margaret mentioned and I just wanted to say that one of the things that AAUW supports is housing, safe, clean housing for every citizen in this country. And I feel that this would be, this step in the budget would be a real downturn. And it's for something very much needed, and the funds should not be taken away from it. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Sandy Perry, Eve Wood, Mary Quinton.

>> Good afternoon, I'm Sandy Perry from Cham ministry. And it is my understanding that this budget is a serious threat to the housing program in San José not only for the next five years but could possibly end up being longer than that for a number of different reasons. And I first moved to San José in 1990. I don't know if any of you remember this book which was put out at that time by the -- there's a special commission which ended up setting up the housing department. And it established a legacy of affordable housing in San José which is, you know, I've complained about it over the years but there have been thousands of units that have been built and, you know, thousands of ELI units that have been built and thousands of people that were brought out of being homeless. And over the years, we've been able to move beyond the days of the kind of bruising confrontations we used to have about redevelopment priorities. And we've moved beyond the days when we wouldn't even talk about ending homelessness to where we're at least talking about it and trying to make plans. But this budget is a real step backwards and has a possibility of taking us backwards into those same battles all over again. And so in order to avoid that, I would -- I would urge that in particularly in housing that no more than the fair share of cuts be allocated to housing. And also, other community programs like the SNIs and some of the neighborhood improvement programs, and in order to do that, that we have this fair budget process that a lot of people have been talking about where we can bring the community in, put some sunshine into this process, stop the current proposal, and really review it and go over it very, very closely. We've talked to a staff person in Councilmember Liccardo's office, and they informed us that Mr. Liccardo's open, we've also heard from the mayor's office and Councilwoman Nguyen's office, that they're open to discussing these things. And we think housing is about economic stimulus, not just about the poor, it's about community, about families being able to live in the same city

together and it's about jobs for the people that are going to be building those houses. A lot of them are shovel ready right now. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Eve Wood, Mary Quinton.

>> I hi, my name is Eve Wood and I would just like to say it's a blessing to be here in front of all of you and I really believe that housing is very, very, very important. And people -- people in the United States, people in San José specifically, need to be -- need housing, they need housing. And I'm blessed, I'm disabled, and so I live on -- off of SSI but I'm blessed to live with my parents because if I didn't live with my parents, I would be homeless and so it hits home with me. But also, I just would like to see everyone have a home. And so -- and so this issue is very, very important. And I would like to see these dollars spent on people, and housing people, instead of -- instead of giving the money to a baseball stadium or something that's not needed. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Mary Quinton. That's the last card I have. If you are sitting on a card or sharing a card please hand it in so we can call on you.

>> Good afternoon, I'm Mary Quinton. I'm also with Cham deliverance ministry. I'm a person that is roof over my head, I've been in a situation where I've actually needed help like the organizations like Catholic ministries, I've had to spend time at the shelter shelters and instead of them increasing, I see the funds decreasing and the homeless population is increasing. This -- this is -- it's a very scary situation. You know, it's a fundamental right of all people to put a roof over their head. That's what that is, you know, something that -- people need a safe place to go to. You start messing with somebody's roof over their head and their safe spot, you know, they lose hope. They don't see where their future is. Like I said I'm on a -- I live precariously. And my situation could change any minute. And I am one of these people that would actually be looking for help, and in terms of affordable housing. So it's very personal with me. Not to mention the number of people that I see all the time that just don't have anyplace to go. I've seen them turned away over at the shelters. They need your help. I'm angry with the state taking the redevelopment funds as well. I just pray that the money that's taken from at least it would be equal, it would be equal and that the housing fund will not take a big hit because we need help. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Michelle Zorio, Rita Torrez, Claudia Shope.

>> Good afternoon, my name is Michelle Zorio, thank you for holding this public hearing meeting today. I am Doug Ross construction, a general contractor in the Bay Area having worked on construction industry related projects for the last 14 years. I have several concerns about eliminating all funding for affordable housing for the next five years until 2014. Next project is on the forefront on my mind. With financing currently dried up in the private sector it is the federally, state county and city funded projects that are going to progress and keep jobs in the construction industry. By eliminating affordable housing the City of San José will be cutting construction related jobs and depending on the size of the project that's 50 to 250 jobs per day. Speaking of jobs we need to look at not just the cruck industry related jobs but the other jobs coming out of housing those of community amenities library grocery stores, schools, police, fire, restaurants, et cetera, all these affordable housing the City of San José would not only be eliminating jobs coming out of new construction amenities but also cutting people who are already working in these areas. Housing demands in general have increased and the population continue to grow and we need a place for everyone to live. The state of California have required each city to have a plan to house their population and the City of San José does not currently meet that requirement. By omitting funding for affordable housing the City of San José is not going to be able to meet that expand. Affordable housing opportunity, crime and desperate measures will be happening with people in the environment. Additionally the federal government is funding projects that are ready to go and with so many affordable housing projects in the pipeline, the City of San José is missing out an opportunity to obtain those federal funds. While budget concerns on the forefront of everyone's minds, do what will help us not only now but in the next five ten, 15, 20 years ago and beyond. We seriously jeopardize our budgets our jobs our growth our economy and the future of San José as a city. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Rita Torrez, Claudia Shope, Mary Murtag.

>> Good afternoon, my name is Rita Torres. I'm here to represent the Spartan Keyes and not here to talk about affordable housing. The Spartan Keyes NAC we've had a meeting to talk about the budget. And we are -- I am

here to tell you that the board of the NAC supports the redevelopment agency and the strong neighborhood initiatives that have made incredible impact on our neighborhood. At this time, of brutal economic reality, we are willing to support the proposed budget. Are we disappointed? Absolutely. We have a lot of neighborhood activities that we had hoped to implement in the next couple of years, to continue the momentum that we have gained in starting to change our neighborhood from a blighted area that was very unsafe, unsightly and apparently neglected for many, many years. But we have expectation that when funding is restored that we will be able to reactivate all of our priorities with the support of the redevelopment agency. We have a very complete neighborhood action plan, improvement plan that was approved last year by the council, and we hope to implement those as soon as funding comes back. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Clay Shope, Mary Murtag, Jerry fox.

>> My name is Gloria Shope, I want to that is correct the city and the redevelopment agency for the help they gave me. I really appreciate it and I prepared a packet for you to keep, it's one for all of you to look at but also some pictures that I'd like back of what happened with my house. And I was very happy to get that help from the city. I really appreciated the help of Marcus Ruffing in the housing department and Art Nino to make improvements on any house. I know -- my house. I know there are many others in my neighborhood. I heard this at a neighborhood meeting because I live in a fairly rougher neighborhood in the city, goodyear Mastic meeting is where I heard about improving your houses. I know there's others that are really looking forward to that help. I'm not speaking for myself because I've already gotten that help, I really wanted to thank you for that help but I'm speaking for others who would like to get that wonderful help that I got, being a low-income person and I think it's really valuable in improving neighborhoods that really need it. Improving poorer kind of neighborhoods that I've seen, other houses in my area that have improved because of the same program that I was partying in and that was through the redevelopment agency, the strong neighborhood initiative. And I'd really like to see those kind of things continue and not have things be chopped to the quick and not have those other people who would like the kind of help that I got. So I'm thankful and I want to thank all of you, and I want to thank the redevelopment agency and Marcus Ruffing, Art Nino in the neighborhoods for making that happen. But I really hope that that can continue for other people, because it does make for a better neighborhood, when you see the other highways improving in your area. And it makes for happier, safer place. And better living space. So I just want to thank you, and I also want to ask for the continued kind of help, and let you know how important it is. And I'd like the give the booklet to you and the pictures I would like back, but the booklet's for you.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you. Mary Murtag, Jerry fox, Laura de Marie.

>> Good afternoon, thank you very much, I'm Mary M.D. Murtag, president and CEO of EH housing ink developing for affordable housing for many years and I'm here today to express the urgency of the redevelopment agency making funding available for the purchase of key sites which otherwise are not going to be available again, in order to meet the agency's legal obligations to produce affordable housing. We have one shovel-ready, 180 unit-plus development opt 163 baypoint in the North First Street area however we're not buying the site for ourselves although we would develop it. It would be owned by the city and leased back to us. But there's a larger issue here beyond this particular site, I'm only using it as an example which is that the agency has got a very time limited opportunity to acquire land in the current market in order to be able to meet its obligations to produce affordable housing within certain project areas and specifically the North First Street project area which I know is a very high priority area of your housing department has 8,000 units which have been permitted for development but of these 1600 units would have to be affordable. And to date it's been impossible to create affordable units in this area because the cost of land has been so exorbitantly high land acquisition business where whom we work that there are a lot of wealthy investors from foreign use vulture fund picking off cheap sites in areas where they see future profits available and North First Street of course is one of those areas. The city has a unique opportunity to address this requirement by purchasing an entitled site at a substantial discount in North First Street now and I'm sure other sites are available in the area as well but they won't be for long. It seems fiscally imprudent to not address the cheap price that are now available and we are asking the city so acquire the site in order preserve the ability to develop affordable housing at a later date. Now is the golden moment to acquire high density land. Many human interest angles as well but it is also a very effective economic development tool. It creates disposable income for its residents as we have seen many times how it can raise the value of an area as the parkview development we built at Santa Clara and race street did. Residents then spend --

>> Mayor Reed: I'm sorry, I'm going to have to cut you off, you're over the time quite a bit.

>> Deposable income thank you for your time.

>> Mayor Reed: Jerry Fox, plea. Yolando Ungo.

>> Thank you everyone I'm gear fox, I'm also a board member of the Santa Clara county council of churches. And I come basically to urge -- to work for an open process, from the community, and let the discussion be about what the basic needs are folks are, in terms of how we can spend money in this crisis. Both nonprofits I'm part of are facing crises but they're not as big as yours. I understand you have heavy decisions to make and I urge you to involve more people in this process. In 2001 I came from this community from Humboldt county, where my salary practice for the United Methodist top 20%. Owned a house that it bought 50 years ago, I would not be able to be here. And the programs that the city has been putting together to help folks are just absolutely crucial for continuing to support those who do a lot of the work for us in the City of San José. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Laura de Marie. Yolanda Ungo, Janelle Martinez.

>> Good afternoon, my name is Laura de Marie. I'm a single parent with a child who attends San José unified. With this manner it allows me to work for such a wonderful organization like Catholic charities. Our mission is to cut home 2010, San José 2020. I work with these students in the Franklin McKinley school district for the program and I'm sure you know most of them are about 90% qualified for free and reduced price lunch. From poverty. Many of them come to us after school and tell us they're hungry, their parents are getting evicted, they live in garages, in sheds behind people's homes, a lot of them are actually homeless. Without affordable housing those kids have actually nowhere to go. I was here for the launch of the SJ 2020 and I'm sure you know how hard it will be to close the chief executive gap is children are worried about where they're going to live and the cost of their environment. So please do not approve the budget without a full public review. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Yolanda Ungo, Janelle Martinez. Cody Martinez.

>> Good afternoon. My name is Yolanda Ungo and I work for housing department I want to echo all of these speakers who are asking the city not to approve a budget for hundreds of millions of dollars without a full public review and changes that restore fairness for neighborhoods, housing and community priorities. My clients and our co-citizens in the city are now larger and larger families that are finding no place to live because the rents are too high or the property's too mine they, because of the number of children in the -- in the household or the number of people in the household, they cannot be placed in just any kind of environment. We have to look for very affordable housing for them. And now that the crisis, the economic crisis continues, we still see one parent working, and the other not. So it is very hard for us to continue to maintain these families in a safe and healthy environment. Please take this into consideration. We need the children inside stable homes so that we can secure their education. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Jan Eil Martinez and Cody Martinez followed by Joel Hirchofer and .

>> I am Janell marpts this is my friend Cody Martinez. we had unsafe condition and moved into an area that was very safe, and offered everything that we needed. And affordable housing. Unfortunately that became too expensive for us to afford as a single parent. I was living on a single income and was unable to continue to afford it. We became homeless when my son was four we lived in shelters, we lived with friends we didn't really have a place to hang our hat. I worked for the past five years to get back on my feet. I'm currently a student at San José State full time, I'm working towards a degree in hospitality and we live on very, very little right now. And sometimes we don't quite make the bills each month. But I do everything that I can to meet the needs of our -- you know my family. Through the experience of homelessness, I was surrounded by people who were going through a lot of the same issues that I was going through. And I saw that the problem is not only big, but it's growing. And I think that if we cut the affordable housing program, we're going to have a bigger problem on our hands. I think we need to be moving in the other direction, we need to be expanding the affordable housing program. I understand finances, because as a single parent I deal with that every day. As you can see, my son is wearing an telcos sweatshirt. We're a fan of the A's. We'd love to see them come to San José. But when he says can we go to the game on Friday? Needs wants desires, the need is to make sure that everybody has a safe place to live. And

speaking from experience, walking -- I'm sorry -- walking into wherever we were staying, shelters, different people's homes, late at night and in the winter, through dark alleys and this is real, very scary with my baby. And people went through worse than this. I don't want to see any more hurting families. I want to see families in homes, I want children to feel safe. Everybody deserves a place to live. And if we got that program, we are going to have a lot of people setting up tents on a baseball field. Do you want to say something?

>> It was very scary, when we would walk at night, through dark alleys and to the next bus stop. And we had to be to the shelter by 11:00, otherwise we would have to sleep outside. It was very scary at the shelter. Our neighbor stole my mom's wallet and would -- and it was just very scary and I didn't feel safe there.

>> And we have a safe place to live right now. And we're hanging by a thread. But I am determined to stay in school full time and not go back to work until I have that degree because if I quit now, I will hit the income ceiling again, I will be back in a shelter, if it's available. I don't know what would happen. And I -- you know, I live by faith, and I know you're about ready to cut me off.

>> Mayor Reed: I am.

>> Thank you very much for listening to us.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you. [applause]

>> Mayor Reed: Joe Qurtchoffer, Martha Lopez, Forrest Williams.

>> Good afternoon, mayor and city council members. My name is Martha Lopez and I work for EHS housing, I have a property strictly seniors affordable housing, I'm here to speak to members, all those families and seniors, children, affordable housing is my passion. I also work for the company, it's a nonprofit, wonderful company to work for. I'm here to be asked against this proposition to reconsider the development budget and not vote on it as it is. I know the city's on progress, on fundings and other developments. My property is the benefit of the City of San José. We funded our property without your -- without -- if this was to go through you would put many, many families out there on the street. 66 seniors, myself, so I'm here to ask for you guys to reconsider the budget, and find other solutions for this city requirements and state requirements. Thank you so much.

>> Mayor Reed: Joe Kirchofer, Forrest Williams, Clark Williams.

>> Mr. Mayor, members of the council, my name is Joe Kirchofer, I am a project manager for mid peninsula housing, 1,000 though those are in San José. I'm here like many others today to talk about how important affordable housing is to our community. There was a question yesterday during the council study session from the council about the demand for affordable housing in today's economic climate. We've just completed mid peninsula housing has just completed a full renovation of 48 units and conversion to affordable housing. This is on the corner of Hillsdale and Meridian near the Cambrian park neighborhood. We received nearly 350 applications in just a few weeks. This is indicative of what we have seen throughout the Bay Area. Demand has not gone away, instead it's got a lot worse, more acute. Especially in the lowest income levels. The market has never been able to serve people below, you know, extremely low income members of this community. And it is not getting any easier for those people. We know at that time budget situation that the city is facing is very dire. But we also ask that the council and staff examine this a little more closely and find a way to preserve housing funding. The good news is that people in my position are seeing a lot of opportunities to make the situation better but we can't do that without help from the city housing department. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Forrest Williams and Clark Williams.

>> Thank you, Mr. Mayor and council members. I'm here to applaud you for the work that you've done in regards to the RDA budget. It's not an easy task, I know it's difficult. What I'm here also to say is that we always do a first-pass, you know, in the heat of stress and to get the job done, to get it done. But oftentimes if we go back and look again, there may be options before us that we could make tradeoffs. You know, affordable housing is very important for the City of San José. When I was on the council, we -- it was a priority for us. We went to neighborhoods and asked for property, availability of property to try to provide opportunity for affordable housing

to be built. So it would be devastating for the affordable housing effort if all of the funds were taken from affordable housing to satisfy the state demand on the City of San José. So I'm asking that we go back again, take a look at operations, take a look at priorities, in terms of the projects, capital projects, and see if there's any way that we can find some other alternatives to taking all of the money from affordable housing. Because once we do that, it stymies our effort. We know that ABAG's projections indicate that we're going to grow and that we're going to continue to grow in this valley, even though we have the difficulties of this economy at this present time. So I applaud you for the work and I would ask that you look again and see if there's any way that we can protect the affordable housing for the future. And get the community involved to help with this project, as well, in terms of looking and getting to the point where we can come to a conclusion of help safe our affordable housing. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Clark Williams, Sandra Molina.

>> Yes, thank you, Mayor Reed. My name is Clark Williams and I live in the greater Gardner project area. I've seen the positive impact of RDA housing in my neighborhood. I'm a member of the Vietnamese community task force as you know members of the task force have been working for the past six months on community planning and visioning on the anticipated opening of the Vietnamese community center. I think I want to echo Forrest Williams's comments of thanking the RDA and the staff of the RDA for the work that they have done on behalf of the city and also for working so hard when the State is clearly to blame for the problems that the RDA faces. And by no means do I certainly want to blame the RDA for these very difficult decisions. We all know where the blame lies. You know, I've been here before, I've been long a proponent of participatory budgeting for the city in good times and in bad. But it's frequently when city budgets are in bad times that elected officials turn to the public to help with with planning of priorities. And this is one of those times. I think that participatory budgeting would help the RDA to make better choices and funding decisions. Participatory budgeting would ensure greater transparency and accountability, something that I know that the city council has been working on for quite some time and with a lot of success. This would allow the public to inform the board on projects, to restore. And also on those projects to defer based on the collective priorities of the milk. By set ago side some money for public input, the city council would extend their long standing commitment to open government, to allow the RDA funding to truly match what I think would be the priorities of the public, and quite honestly, I don't know what those are. And I'm not so certain that the board does either which is why it's important to open up this process for the entire community to inform the board before voting on the budget. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Sandra Molina dana Bainbridge and Lester Fonseca .

>> Good afternoon, my name is Sandra Molina, I'm with EHA housing through the years. But the proposed redevelopment agency budget will have a significant and lasting impact on the future of our -- of affordable housing today and for the next half decade. Even with all the great work we've accomplished the need for affordable housing remains more strong in one of the most expensive areas in the nation. EAH housing recently opened a wait-list for Elena gardens for the first time in six years. You may have seen it on the evening news. We received over 650 requests for applications and more than 300 people lined up in a line that stretched down the street. I helped some of those applicants to fill out their application. And let me tell you it was very sad. We have over 300 people, some of them are sleeping in the streets. Some of them are in a very, very danger environment needing help of affordable housing. They're screaming. I'm out there every day on the force and just looking at these families coming begging for places to live. It's ridiculous and they shouldn't have to do this for themselves oops all these for only a few units, a chance to be on the waiting list that is closed for years to come all affordable housing development in San José will effectively be drawn to a halt. 1600 units in the appliance, many more 180 for a project of our own in the district for a redevelopment area. Keep in mind the length of our wait-list and calls that we receive every day. We know this project and others like it are necessary to meeting some of the most basic needs for San José residents so I leave you with that. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Dana Bainbridge, Lester Fonseca or Fonteda I can't quite read the honed writing, thank you.

>> Dana Bainbridge, i'm I'm your dmaib. I'm here to speak for a more balanced approach for the RDA budget. There's a community that is inviting us to reconsider this and I hope we'll go back to the budget and take the expensive burden off of affordable housing and strong neighborhoods in order to make the difficult decision to pay the state. Faith communities, you know, in this area, are on the front lines around homelessness, we have

people on our doorstep who can't find affordable housing on a regular basis, and we've also been part of strong neighborhood programs that have helped build positive relationships across our communities. Faith communities and nonprofits have been devoted to be able to be the bridge I think in our community to connect people to resources that help them, when they hit hard times. We offer them things that the government can't. We offer a personal face right at their doorstep, where their doorstep, friendship, spiritual support, some dignity. But there are things that we can't do, that we can't provide. But we can connect them to that. We can be the bridge. That's why I think public nonprofit and faith community partnerships are so important the ones with whom we have the most vital public partnerships affordable housing and strong neighborhood initiatives. If these programs are dismantled in the way that it appears three will be, we may be a kind of bridge to nowhere. Many of our vital partnerships that have been supported through the RDA budget that have been available to us will be gone or are dismantled. We support the initiative that to go back and take a more ambalanced approach to cuts -- balanced approach to cuts that keep more community partnerships available and alive. Please do not disproportionately cut the programs that matter to us. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Lester and you're going to tell me what your last name is, right, and Elizabeth L Illy.

>> Good evening, I'm Lester Fontecha. the take from state is a significant burden put on all of us. Cutting the budget on housing will directly affect many families, specifically those on fixed income, seniors and people on disability. Over a thousand units will be jeopardized with this vote and what we're requesting is that you share the burden of these times. And not challenge solely on those who need the support the most. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Elizabeth Lily. Anybody else want to speak? Down to the end.

>> Mayor and councilmembers, I'm Elizabeth Lily, I'm with Catholic charities of Santa Clara County and step up Silicon Valley. One of our programs is to offer case management in low income housing units and a couple of years ago when paseo center was preparing to open on Senter road with 200-some units available they had over 5,000 requests for applications. 3,000 of which, some 3,000 of which were returned. This is just one data point of the importance of creating more affordable housing in this county. And I urge you to consider balancing what you need to do with the redevelopment funds and not take them all out of the affordable housing section. Thank you very much.

>> Mayor Reed: Richard Gardner. -- Patricia Gardner.

>> That is the quickest I've ever come in and spoken, I want to thank you for that.

>> Mayor Reed: .

>> That's perfect timing. Seek additional options in the RDA budget that will not seriously impact affordable housing. Affordable housing is a critical component in our community. As a member of the blue ribbon commission on ending homelessness I became keenly aware of the link between affordable housing, homelessness and economic self-sufficiency. This is a time for our city council to move forward on our commitment to end homelessness and solve the affordable housing crisis. Borrowing funds from the RDA from the housing department is a short sighted budget reduction solution that will lead to halting critical pipeline projects, affordable housing leverages state and federal funds and maximizes the economic investment of our community. We urge the city council to seek another solution: Involve key stakeholders and seek more sound budget strategies related to affordable housing.

>> Mayor Reed: Chris Neil.

>> Good afternoon Mr. Mayor, councilmembers. Chris Neil with core affordable housing. First of all I want to thank the council for the leadership it has provided in developing affordable housing. Without the commitment of the City of San José we can't be where we are today. That being said with reductions I 30 what we ask for is a balanced reduction across all of the stakeholders who are going to suffer from these reductions. Housing is not looking for a free ride. But for a further review of the budget, for due diligence to find out what is an equal share of the reduction across all the different stakeholders throughout the city. Thank you. He.

>> Mayor Reed: Dan Woo.

>> Hi, I'm Dan Woo. We're many others that have spoken before me, we're asking the council to consider a balanced approach in terms of splitting the take from the state between affordable housing and the rest of the RDA important projects.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you. Anybody else want to speak at this time? We are continuing this hearing to 7:00 tonight so I know there will be other people that come then. I don't have any additional cards. So I had a couple of comments. In addition to the hearing tonight, at 7:00, the next step in our process is for me to produce a budget message that tries to sort all this out and makes sense out of all of the issues and concerns in hopes that, you know, we can put together a better budget package than we have in front of us now. The council will vote on the budget, on December 8th. So we're not voting today and we're not going to actually take action until December 8th. One of the things that I'm going to do on Monday, at 6:00, in the council committee meeting rooms, is to hold a stakeholder workshop. My staff has already started reaching out to stakeholders, offering to meet with them individually, but this would be an open-to-the-public meeting to stakeholders to talk about how we can deal with some of these problems beyond just identifying the problems, which certainly have been done by the community in the meeting yesterday and today. But to find solutions within the tools we have available within the resources we have available. So I would invite all of the stakeholders to come down Monday evening, that's November 16th, 6:00 p.m. and we'll roll up our sleeves and go to work and try to come up with some solutions to some of these issues. And then I'll release my message, my recommendations on November 20th. Then we'll have a couple of weeks to continue to work the issues. December 8th would be the date for a council decision. And with that, I think at least Councilmember Oliverio wants to speak.

>> Councilmember Oliverio: Thank you, mayor. I wanted to thank you for offering multiple opportunities for the public to speak. I know that the Rules Committee on last week that you had made the request to have a nighttime meeting so for more people to come tonight at 7:00. So for your friends and colleagues that might have an opportunity to address the redevelopment agency board on what you might want, as I said yesterday, these are not normal times that's why we are not making these normal type of choices. I myself had a meeting in my district solely about the topic of the redevelopment agency in October and had a roomful of people at the library and all of them felt that economic development was the key to providing revenue to provide city services ongoing so that was the feedback I got from my constituency. And clearly we've been a leader in providing \$757 million for housing in San José with the redevelopment agency, 90% of which was for affordable. And mayor I applaud that Monday at 6:00 p.m, on that day no meeting can be scheduled perfect I'll be having 100 members of my district for the member district of the Alameda. It is tough to get all the constituencies in the room but I know at the last meeting there were 100 people who were craving business districts so we want to make sure that everybody has a chance to be heard and that's a collective thought of why we're elected by the entire district to represent the best decisions for the city. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you. I will be sending out a notice of the workshop for Monday the 16th, which we'll circulate by e-mail and I appreciate anybody sending it on to anybody else that might be interested that is the end of the testimony we're going to continue this hearing until 7:00 p.m. this afternoon to anybody who didn't get a chance to testify this afternoon can come down and talk to us. So those of you who are watching at home another chance this evening. Thank you very much, we have open forum is the only item left on this agenda. I think I have a couple of requests. David Wall and Ross Signorino.

>> David Wall: Good afternoon. Everything that we've heard here today and throughout our lives directly or indirectly has been fought for, maintained and preserved by the members of the United States armed informs. So I am thankful for all those contributions, specifically to you, Mr. Mayor, for your service to our nation. Tomorrow, we celebrate Veterans Day across the nation with just a holiday. Most people don't take into consideration how many people didn't get to live a full and productive life. But for you, Mr. Mayor, you will be not on vacation. For there are many things that you have to deal with, with the affairs of this municipality. But again, I thank you personally, and for all the veterans of our armed informs that can hear my voice, thank you. Good afternoon.

>> Mayor Reed: Those veterans would include Councilmember Herrera and former councilmember Williams. They both heard that. Thank you. Ross Signorino.

>> Ross Signorino: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Changing a tone eligibility after all these wonderful speaks this afternoon I heard something on radio this afternoon, KGO, Len Tillem's program, asks if it was legal for him to declare his live-in girlfriend as a domestic partner. And Len tillem said yes, it is legal to declare her as a domestic partner. So he can declare, on his medical benefits he can declare her and the two children and solely for that reason alone he didn't want to get married, didn't want to feel belied to her in any way. And Len tillem the attorney on this program said it is legal and I asked the City Attorney here too if this is legal if it can be done he confirmed yes, it can be done. I hope that wasn't so private a conversation that I can't mention this but nonetheless what bothers me is this. Then this person declared, this man declared on radio that he works for the City of San José. Here's the person who's taking -- who's taking advantage of our situation here, your generosity he didn't give his name but I think anybody who applies for this just now, could you look it up pretty easily It shouldn't take too long at all. I think that's too bad that somebody has to take advantage of the system to profit themselves. At the expense of the taxpayers of San José. Thank you.

>> Mayor Reed: Thank you. That concludes the open forum. We're going to recess until 7:00 p.m. We'll continue the hearing at that time.

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>> GOOD EVENING, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE SAN JOSÉ CITY COUNCIL BACK INTO SESSION, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE HEARING FROM THIS AFTERNOON. SO IF EVERYBODY WOULD PLEASE TAKE A SEAT. WHILE EVERYBODY IS GETTING SEATED, IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD, YELLOW CARD OR BLUE CARD. IT DOESN'T MATTER. AND BRING THOSE DOWN, SO WE CAN MAKE SURE YOU GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK. PLEASE BE SEATED. PLEASE BE QUIET AND IF YOU NEED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION, PLEASE TAKE IT OUTSIDE. THIS HEARING IS A CONTINUATION OF THE HEARING THAT WE STARTED THIS AFTERNOON ON THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET. WE ARE NOT GOING TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET TONIGHT. WE WILL NOT VOTE ON THE BUDGET UNTIL DECEMBER 8TH. AND AS I ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, WE WILL BE HOLDING A BUDGET WORKSHOP, BECAUSE THE NEXT STEP IN OUR PROCESS IS SO FOR ME TO PUBLISH A BUDGET MESSAGE WITH MY RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO TIE ALL OF THIS TOGETHER, AND TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THE ISSUES, AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. SO THAT IS THE NEXT TASK. I HAVE TO RELEASE THAT ON NOVEMBER 20TH, SO ON MONDAY NIGHT YOU ARE ALL INVITED. IT IS A PUBLIC MEET AND WE'LL HAVE A WORKSHOP TO TALK ABOUT THE IDEAS THAT PEOPLE HAVE ON HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS. WE HAD A HEARING YESTERDAY ON THE BUDGET. SO WE HEARD FROM PEOPLE AT THAT TIME. WE HAD A HEARING THIS AFTERNOON AND WE HEARD FROM PEOPLE AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM A LOT MORE PEOPLE TONIGHT, WHO ARE IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS AND ISSUES AND CONCERNS. BUT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY IS A WORKING SESSION TO TRY TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS, ALTERNATIVES AND THINGS FOR ME TO CONSIDER AS I PUT TOGETHER THE BUDGET MESSAGE. SO WE HAVE GOT QUITE A STACK OF CARDS OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK. IF THERE ARE ANYMORE, PLEASE BRING THE CARDS DOWN. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE AFTERNOON HEARING. SO IF YOU SPOKE THIS AFTERNOON, THIS IS NOT FOR YOU. YOU CAN LISTEN, OF COURSE, BUT THIS WAS ADDED AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO GET HERE IN THE AFTERNOON TO SPEAK, TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL ON THE THE BUDGET.

SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO -- WE'RE JUST GOING TO CALL NAMES. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME ON DOWN. CLOSE TO THE FRONT AND YOU CAN STAND WHEN YOU ARE NEXT IN LINE AND YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE MICROPHONE AND WE CAN SAVE SOME TIME. GIVEN THE HIGH NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK AND PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE AND PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL COMING IN, WE'LL HAVE TO LIMIT TESTIMONY TO ONE MINUTE. PLEASE GET THE CARDS IN, SO WE CAN HANDLE THIS IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. I WOULD LIKE TO START THE HEARING.
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PLEASE COME ON DOWN AND THEN BRIAN O'NEIL.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. PAT, SILICON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ONE MINUTE, THE PRIORITY OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WHEN I WAS ON COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS CONSIDERED HARD SCAPE, BUILDINGS, INFRASTRUCTURE, ROADS, SEWER SYSTEMS, TO GENERATE INVESTMENT IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ FOR JOB AND TAX INCREMENTS. I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE WE CONTINUE TO RETAIN OUR FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TAX INCREMENT GENERATES THE 20% HOUSING AFFORDABLE FUNDS. TO NOT HAVE OUR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUNCTIONING, WE ARE NOT GOING TO GENERATE FUNDS FOR OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS AT 20%. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DO NOT SEE OUR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY GOING INTO FISCAL CARDIAC ARREST. WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE FUNDS FOR OUR CONVENTION CENTER, FOR FUTURE BALLPARKS AND CITY OF SAN JOSÉ AND FOR HARD SCAPE. WE THINK IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND WE URGE THE COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN OUR REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AS A PRIORITY. THANK YOU.

>> DENNIS MARTIN, MIKE DAILY, BRIAN O'NEIL.

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MY NAME IS DENNIS MARTIN AND I REPRESENT THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. NOT REALLY VERY MANY APARTMENTS ARE OPEN BUT THIS WERE 650 PEOPLE WHO TOOK OUT APPLICATIONS. FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN PROGRESSIVE ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TRYING TO GET IT DOWN AND YOU KNOW THAT IT'S STILL VERY MUCH NEEDED IN SAN JOSÉ. THANK YOU.

>> BRIAN O'NEIL, I LIVE IN SAABS AND I ALSO WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND AM THE POLITICAL CHAIR FOR SU521. I LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR SAYING THAT ON MONDAY THERE IS GOING TO BE A MEETING. THAT IS A GOOD STEP, BUT I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT A REAL PUBLIC PROCESS MEANS THAT CHANGES MUST HAPPEN TO THIS BUDGET. IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF ALL OF OUR TIME TO HAVE A PROCESS THAT DOESN'T RESULT IN A MOVEMENT AND A REPRIORITIZATION OF THIS BUDGET. LOWER-PRIORITY PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO THAT STAKEHOLDERS GET A SAY IN THIS BUDGET. ALL IN THESE TOUGH TIMES WE NEED TO PITCH IN. LAST YEAR THE CITY UNIONS OPENED UP THEIR CONTRACTS, SOMETHING THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO DO. WE NEED TO ASK EACH AND EVERY PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO OPEN UP THEIR CONTRACTS AND PITCH IN. AND LASTLY, AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY PROVIDES SAFETY NET SERVICES TO NOT ONLY IN SAN JOSÉ, BUT SANTA CLARA COUNTY. SO NOT FULFILLING YOUR COUNTY OBLIGATIONS IS GOING TO HURT THOSE SERVICES.

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>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I'M A DISTRICT 2 RESIDENT AND FORMER HOUSING COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY. I WANT TO URGE YOU TO BASICALLY RECONSIDER THE PROPOSED CUTS FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT THAT ARE INCLUDED, AND I WANT TO MAKE ONE CORRECTION. THE NUMBER 1 PURPOSE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS TO ELIMINATE BLITHE, NOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT'S AN IMPORTANT TOOL, BUT NO. 1 PRIORITY IS ELIMINATE BLIGHT AND HOUSING DOES THAT AND WITH THE PROPOSED CUTS YOU WILL DECIMATE THE AGENCY THAT LEADS THIS STATE. SO I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER. THAT THANK YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING. I'M MARVIN RENTERIA. OUR MAIN PRIORITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN COMMUNITY CENTERS LIKE THE ONE THAT GARDNER HAS. IT'S USED FOR OFFICES , COMPUTER LABS, HOMEWORK ROOMS AND TEEN ACTIVITIES. THE COMMUNITY CENTER WOULD BENEFIT THE ENTIRE AREA. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT GO FORWARD FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE DON'T CUT THIS OUT OF YOUR BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS SHILOH BALLARD AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF THE SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU HAVE SOME REALLY, REALLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN FRONT OF YOU, PITTING VERY IMPORTANT PRIORITIES AGAINST THEMSELVES. JUST FOR KICKS, YOU OFTEN TIMES HEAR ME SAY THAT HOUSING IS A TOP IMPEDIMENT TO DOING BUSINESS IN SILICON VALLEY AND I LOOKED BACK AT OUR POST CEO SURVEYS WHERE WE ASKED OUR COMPANIES AT THE CEO LEVEL, WHAT ARE THE TOP IMPEDIMENTS? I PULLED OUT REPORTS FROM 2006 AND ON AND HOUSING INDEED IS THE NO. 1 VOTE-GETTER IN THE 80 AND 70% RANGE AND THEN THE NO. 2, WHICH IS USUALLY TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS IN THE 60% RANGE. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THEY ARE VERY MUCH CRITICALLY LINKED AND JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT FOR YOU TONIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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>> GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BE SPEAKING. REALLY APPRECIATE THIS OPEN KIND OF FORUM AND THE CONTINUATION ON MONDAY. THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS IMPORTANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT ALSO IS IMPORTANT FOR THE HEALTH OF THE CITY IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING AND FOR THE SNI'S. THE SNI'S HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT IN REMOVING BIGHT AND GIVING PEOPLE THE IDEA OF MAKING DECISIONS OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THE COUNCIL LOOK THE CHIEF CRITICAL INITIATIVES WHICH WE SPEAK ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON AND NOT TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS UNTIL THEIR SUGGESTIONS ARE LOOKED AT. IT IS A WELL-THOUGHT OUT DECISION. THANK YOU.

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>> GOOD EVENING. I AM WITH THE HOUSING AND WE ESTIMATE ALONG WITH SOME OF OUR FRIENDS HERE THAT THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET HAVE A DRAMATIC EFFECT ON THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES, SENIORS AND PEOPLES WITH DISABILITIES. WE THINK OVER 1800 UNITS WILL BE IN JEOPARDY IF YOU VOTE FOR IT AS IT IS. SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE RDA IS FACED WITH MANY CHALLENGES, LIKE IT HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE AND THE TAKE FROM THE STATE IS A SIGNIFICANT BURDEN ON AN ALREADY CHALLENGED AGENCY. HOWEVER, MEETING THE REQUIREMENT OF 75 MILLION BY TAKING THE FULL FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING FUND IS NOT THE ACTION THAT SERVES SAN JOSÉ, ITS RESIDENTS AND LOW-INCOME VOTERS BEST. WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU SHARE THE BURDEN OF THESE TIMES AND NOT REST THE CHALLENGE SOLELY ON THOSE WHO NEED SUPPORT THE MOST. NOW WE KNOW YOU HAVE HEARD IT MANY TIMES AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP SAYING IT OVER AND HE OVER AGAIN. PLEASE DON'T VOTE FOR THIS AS IT STANDS. TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AND SEE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO BOTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING. I'M CATHERINE MASON AND I REPRESENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR TONIGHT. I'M ALSO FROM MR. OLIVERIO'S DISTRICT. THE PROJECTS THAT GENERATE REVENUE FOR THE CITY ARE IMPORTANT. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT AND THEY ARE OF HIGH PRIORITY. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BUSINESS FOR THE BUSINESSES AND CITY SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THIS COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO STOP THE FLOW OF PEOPLE TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY. THAT MEANS WE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS COMMUNITY. CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS AN AAFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDER AND WE KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THIS VALLEY CANNOT AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE GREATEST RDA PROJECTS IN PENTHOUSES IN DOWNTOWN AFFORDABLE, LOVELY SAN JOSÉ. SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT THE PRIORITIES FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF OUR FUNDS, BECAUSE THOSE OF US IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU FOR THE USE OF SERVICES AND BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY. SO CONSIDER THE OTHER OPTIONS, PARTICULARLY AT THE WORKSHOP ON MONDAY FOR WHAT MIGHT BE THE WAY WE COULD TRADE-OFF THE USE OF FUNDS, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ALL \$75 MILLION ON THE BACKS OF THE PEOPLE WHO NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

>> THOMAS WAGNER, ELIZABETH LOPEZ.

>> MY NAME IS THOMAS MAGNER AND WITH THE ECONOMY THE WORSE AS IT IS, I FIND HIMSELF WITHOUT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT AND I AM HOMELESS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I THINK WITH THE FORECLOSURE GOING ON YOU WILL SEE MORE. PLEASE KEEP AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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>> GOOD EVENING. I'M GOING TO SHIFT THE TOPIC FOR A SECOND. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY QUESTION THAT PEOPLE NEED A PLACE TO LEAVE, PEOPLE NEED A PLACE TO EAT AND PEOPLE ALSO NEED A PLACE TO WATCH BASEBALL AND SAN JOSÉ GIANTS HAVE BEEN DOING THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WHAT WE WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU TONIGHT WAS SOME OF THE SUCCESS THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR WITH THE INVESTMENT THAT RDA MADE IN MUNICIPAL STADIUM. WE HAD AN INCREASE OF OVER 31,000 FANS WHO CAME. WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE 20 FREE GAMES. WE RAISED \$300,000 FOR YOUTH SPORTS. WE RAISED \$100,000 FOR OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OUT THERE, ALL RELATED TO THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT \$375,000 BOUGHT US

THESE ARE TOUGH DAYS, TOUGH CHOICES AND WHEREVER WE CAN FIT IN AND HELP, THAT IS WHERE WE WANT TO BE. WE VERY MUCH WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND JUST THINK OF US LIKE THE THINK ANTS IN THE SERENGETI, WE'LL TAKE WHATEVER WE CAN TAKE. THANK YOU.

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>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH LOPEZ AND I'M THE PRESIDENT FOR THE GREATER S & I AREA. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT RDA BUDGET. GIVING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE I THINK THE BUDGET DOES A FAIR JOB OF FUNDING THE NECESSARY PROJECTS. DECISIONS YOU WILL BE MAKING BETWEEN NOW AND THE FINAL VOTE ON THE BUDGET WILL BE DIFFICULT. I ASK THAT YOU KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IN MIND WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR DECISIONS AND SUPPORT THE CURRENT BUDGET AND NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS. I THINK THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AGENCY FOR THEIR CONTINUED FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY SIFRMENT I THANK MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK YOU.

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>> I AM MARTHA BEADY, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN'S VOTER OF SANTA CLARA. WE ARE HERE TO URGE YOU NOT TO DECIMATE THE FUNDING AND THE 20% SET ASIDE IN THE NEW BUDGET. THESE ARE TRYING TIMES. WE'RE ALL FORCED TO EVALUATE WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE, OUR BUSINESS LIFE, OUR POLITICAL LIFE. ONE OF THE DANGERS OF DISCHARGED SOMETHING THAT MAY NEVER BE RECOVERED, THE 20% FUNDS ARE MUCH TOO EASY A TARGET AND ARE IN DANGER OF BEING IGNORED LONG AFTER THE CRISIS HAS PASSED. THE LIDD LIST OF RDA ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS IMPRESSIVE. IT HAS COMPLETED MANY PROJECTS THAT HAVE IMPROVED LIFE FOR RESIDENTS, BUSINESS AND CULTURE IN SAN JOSÉ. AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS ARE NOT AS VISIBLE AS SOME OTHERS, BUT HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THOSE WHO CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. DURING THESE TIMES MORE AND MORE FOLKS REQUIRE THAT SERVICE. CUTS ARE NECESSARY, BUT SHOULD BE PROPORTIONAL AND SHOULD NOT BE ELIMINATED ENTIRELY.

>> I'M SORRY YOUR TIME IS UP.

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>> ANDREW BAILS. THANK YOU. SORRY I WAS STANDING AT THE BACK. A COUPLE OF QUICK POINTS. I'M HERE TONIGHT AS A MEMBER FOR TEAM SAN JOSÉ AND CHAIR OF THE FACILITY COMMITTEE AT TEAM SAN JOSÉ AND THERE ARE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN TEAM SAN JOSÉ FROM THE CONVENTION CENTER TO THE CIVIC TO THE MONTGOMERY CPA AND SEVERAL OTHER BUILDINGS. I THINK I WOULD ASK YOU TO ON A PHILOSOPHICAL POINT OF VIEW AS YOU LOOK AT THE CHALLENGES THAT YOU FACE, AND I LOOK AT THAT BUDGET AND YOU LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT YOU ARE FACING AND REALIZE, YOU KNOW, IN THE END THERE JUST ISN'T ANY MONEY. YOU PROBABLY FIGURED THAT OUT BEFORE I STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE, BUT I GUESS I WOULD SAY AS A CITY THIS MIGHT BE FREEING, BECAUSE THIS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE

LAW THAT CREATED IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE BOON. IT HAS DONE SOME WONDERFUL THINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY AND CONTINUES TO DO THAT. BUT IT ALSO HAS CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE ARE EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN THERE.

>> I'M SORRY YOUR TIME IS UP.

>> OKAY.

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>> MY NAME IS CRAIG PLANT AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NETWORK. VERY SIMPLY, IF YOU TAKE THE MONEY THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE HOUSING SET ASIDE TO PAY THE STATE, IT WILL MEAN LOST MATCHING FUNDS FOR ALL SORTS OF HOUSING. IT WILL MEAN LOSS CONSTRUCTION JOBS. IT WILL MEAN LOST HOUSING FOR THE POOR AND LOST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THE LOW-INCOME PEOPLE OF THIS CITY. THEY REALLY DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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>> MAYOR REED, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THIS PROPOSED BUDGET NEEDS TO BE MODIFIED TO ACHIEVE BALANCE AND FAIRNESS, TO ALLOCATE INCREASED RESOURCES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND PROJECTS, FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FOR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THIS? WE NEED TO SCRUTINIZE THE ENCUMBRANCES IN THE BUDGET. THAT MEANS REOPENING CONTRACTS. IS THAT EASY TO DO? NO. I OUGHT TO KNOW. I HAVE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE FIGHTING FOR BETTER WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR WORKING PEOPLE AND LAST SPRING I ASKED THE CITY UNIONS TO RE-OPEN THEIR CONTRACTS AND ASK TO HELP WITH THE COUNTY'S FISCAL CRISIS. NOW IT'S THE TURN OF THE CITY LEADERS TO GO TO BUSINESSES AND ASK THEM TO OPEN THEIR CONTRACTS AND THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO KNOW THE RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS. THE RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSÉ SHOULD BE TOLD WHO IS WILLING TO RE-OPEN THEIR CONTRACTS AND WHO WAS UNWILLING TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED. IN ADDITION, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE ASSETS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY LIQUID, THEY MAY BE USEFUL AS COLLATERAL FOR LONG-TERM LOANS AS WE TRY TO BALANCE THIS LONG-TERM PROJECT, FIVE-YEAR BUDGET. AND THIRD, WE NEED TO BE WILLING TO TAKE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED RISKS. WE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT A VERY CONSERVATIVE POSTURE ALSO INVOLVES RISKS. IF WE ARE UNWILLING TO INVEST IN YOUR OWN CONVENTION CENTER AFTER HOTELS ARE WILLING TO PUT \$70 MILLION IN THE PROJECT, HOW LIKELY ARE WE GOING TO BE TO GET OUTSIDE SOURCES TO INVEST IN SAN JOSÉ UNTIL MORE CONFIDENCE IN US THAN WE HAVE IN OURSELVES. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> MAYOR REED, CITY COUNCIL, GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS PETER, THE CITY COUNCILMAN FOR GILROY AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT ISN'T THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, BUT THAT WE HAVE LESS MONEY AND WE HAVE TO BALANCE THAT AND SPREAD THAT OUT. I DON'T ENVY YOUR DECISION THAT YOU HAVE HERE, BUT WE DO HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THE HOUSING, AND GILROY HAS ALWAYS FOUGHT AND WORKED FOR PROVIDING HOUSING AND YOU HAVE ONE BENEFIT, AND THAT IS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. THAT IS YOUR PLUS AND TRYING TO SPREAD THAT OUT AND MAKE THAT

A BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS YOUR JOB. SO I HOPE YOU DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR REED AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL. I AM HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, WHICH I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND, SINCE I'M INVOLVED IN A MEETING REGARDING ALAMEDA AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, TRYING TO BOOST THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF OUR BUSINESS DISTRICT, BUT I'M HERE TO TELL YOU WHAT REALLY DISTURBS ME. THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY WOULD CONSIDER COVERING THE SHORTFALL BUDGET. THERE HAS BE

>> ENOUGH REVISION OVER FUNDING PARKS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE DON'T NEED TO CREATE ANY MORE. I HOPE THERE WILL BE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS PAST MONDAY. THANK YOU.

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>> I'M THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMUNITY FOR LOCAL 19. WE'RE A UNION THAT REPRESENTS 5,000 HOSPITALITY WORKERS, INCLUDING WORKERS AT THE SAN JOSÉ CONVENTION CENTER, STRUGGLING WITH REDUCED HOURS. OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HIT HARD BY THE RECESSION. AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE, OUR MEMBERS HAVE EXPERIENCED EVERY ASPECT OF THE HOUSING CRISIS. COOKS HAVE LOST HOUSES. HOUSEKEEPERS LIVE EIGHT PEOPLE IN A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT AND STILL PARTICULARLY NON-UNION WORKERS HAVE BEEN HOMELESS. THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED WOULD HURT OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY NOT FUNDING CRITICAL PRIORITIES. AGAIN, RETURNING TO THAT SAME EXAMPLE, TAKING \$75 MILLION AS A LOAN FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY FREEZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE OR EIGHT YEARS WOULD SERIOUSLY HURT THOSE MEMBERS STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET TODAY. AFTER MONDAY, WE WANT A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO CREATE A FAIR BUDGET THAT SERVES OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR HOSPITALITY WORKERS. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> THANK YOU MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. BOB DOLSEY, I LIVE IN DISTRICT 5. I AM ALSO THE COUNTY HOMELESS CONCERNS COORDINATOR AND I COME BEFORE YOU BECAUSE I WORK ON BEHALF OF THE HOMELESS, THE MENTALLY ILL AND ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE VERY LOW-INCOMES, WHO NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I ASK YOU STRONGLY NOT TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS IT TAKES \$75 MILLION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TO PAY BACK WHAT THE STATE IS LEVYING ON THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. I WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND NON-PROFIT HOUSING DEVELOPERS IN THE VALLEY IN ORDER TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THIS WOULD DECIMATE THAT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. SO I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THAT, BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER CREATIVE WAYS OF SHARING THAT BURDEN, WHICH IS REAL. I KNOW THAT. AND I ASK YOU NOT TO MAKE IT UNFAIR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, AND UNJUST TO THE POOR AND THE LOW-INCOME FOLKS THAT I TRY TO HOUSE. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS LOUIE ROCHA AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. I WANT TO SHARE WITH WHAT OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY KNOW THAT THESE ARE INDEED CHALLENGING TIMES BUT WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH, WE SHOULD BE COMING TOGETHER, NOT FIGHTING EACH OTHER. THAT IS WHY I AM HERE TONIGHT TO ASK THAT THE CITY COUNCIL NOT

APPROVE A BUDGET FOR HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITHOUT A FULL PUBLIC REVIEW AND CHANGES THAT RESTORE FAIRNESS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PRIORITIES. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING. I DON'T THINK I COULD IMPROVE OR EVEN TRY TO IMPROVE ON BOB BROWN'S PROPOSALS, BUT I THINK THERE IS AN UNDERLYING CURRENT FOR THE WHOLE THING. MANY OF US FROM THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY AND MANY OTHERS AS WELL ARE TRYING TO RECOGNIZE THE MORAL STANDARD FOR MY GROUP, ANY CITY, ANY COUNTY IS HOW IT TREATS ITS LESS FORTUNATE, LOWER INCOME PEOPLE. THAT SHOULD BE OUR MAJOR MORAL STANCE IN HOW WE DO THAT. I WOULD HOPE IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT START ON MONDAY THAT WOULD BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION, WHICH WILL TAKE INTO THE CONSIDERATION THE PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS MANY OF OTHER ISSUES, HOUSING ISSUES AND WAGES AND BENEFITS AND THE CONVENTION CENTER AND THE REST. SO ALL OF THOSE ISSUES WILL HAVE ITS MORAL BASE ON WHAT IS IT GOING TO DO FOR OUR LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLE?
THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JIM ALMER AND I'M A 45-YEAR RESIDENT OF SAN JOSÉ. THE BUDGET NEEDS TO DO MORE TO PROTECT AND CREATE GOOD JOBS FOR SAN JOSÉ WE NEED TO CREATE JOBS BY IMPROVING OUR CONVENTION CENTER AND BRINGING MORE PEOPLE HERE TO SAN JOSÉ, SO WE CAN INCREASE THE JOBS, NOT TO MENTION THE CONSTRUCTION WORK. WITH CREATIVE LEADERSHIP, THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR CAN LEAD ON THIS ISSUE. YOU CAN ENSURE THAT GOOD JOBS AND GOOD COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IMPROVE THE LIVES FOR ALL THE FAMILIES IN SAN JOSÉ. I CERTAINLY DO SUPPORT OUR HOUSING ISSUES, BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP THIS AN OPEN PROCESS WITH THE BUDGET AND PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CONVENTION CENTER. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING COUNCIL. MY NAME IS PAULINE AND I WORK AS THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZER. I URGE THE COUNCIL TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT RDA'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND TO CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT DURING THE PROCESS. THE BUDGET CUTS FUNDS FOR S & I BY NEARLY 84%. THIS WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR THE POOR AND LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE SAN JOSÉ. THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE WILLIAM REED CORRIDOR. WE ARE ABLE TO LEVERAGE \$10 FOR EVERY ONE DOLLAR THEY SUPPORT TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS. WITHOUT THEIR EXPERTISE, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO WORK WE DO IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND WE UNDERSTAND IN THESE TOUGH TIMES THAT THE BUDGET MUST BE CUT, BUT WE URGE TO THINKING ABOUT DECIMATING S & I IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

[APPLAUSE]

[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL ON ECONOMICS AND JUSTICE AND PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR HERE FOR MANY YEARS. EVERY RABBI, PASTOR, PRIEST AND RELIGIOUS LEADER HAS TO MAKE BUDGETS AND SO THEREFORE, WE FEEL YOUR PAIN AND WE SEND YOU OUR PRAYERS. WHAT WE ALSO KNOW IS THAT WE MAKE OUR BUDGETS AND AS YOU MAKE YOURS IS THAT WE BELIEVE OUR BUDGETS REFLECT MORAL STANDARDS, REFLECT THEIR VALUES AND SAYING WHO COUNTS. WHO COUNTS IN OUR CONGREGATIONS AND WHO COUNTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THIS BUDGET ALSO SAYS WHO COUNTS AND WHO DOES NOT COUNT. WE

BELIEVE THAT WITH GREAT WISDOM, A BIT OF FLEXIBILITY AND WORKING TOGETHER THAT WE CAN DO BETTER HERE IN SAN JOSÉ. AND THAT TOGETHER BOTH AS A FAITH COMMUNITY, A GENERAL COMMUNITY, LEADERS OF ALL STRIPES, WE CAN DO BETTER.
[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HELLO MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M HERE AGAIN TO ACTUALLY INTRODUCE TO A GROUP OF FOLKS WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE STUDY SESSION. SO I'M GOING TO ASK THE GROUP BEHIND ME TO PLEASE STAND UP.

>> WOULD THAT BE ACE CHARTER SCHOOL?

>> THIS WOULD BE THE FAMILIES FROM ACE CHARTER SCHOOL.

>> OKAY. JUST HAD A CLUE THERE.
[APPLAUSE]

>> AND WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG OF A COMMUNITY THAT IS MOBILIZED TO JOIN YOU IN FINDING THOSE 40,000 KIDS THAT NEED THAT EXTRA SUPPORT AND MAKING THINGS HAPPEN FOR THEM ON THE GROUND IN THE MAYFAIR AND ELSEWHERE IN EAST SAN JOSÉ. IN THE MIDST OF THIS GRIM NEWS WE'RE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT OUR SCHOOL IS OPEN AND GROWING AND THRIVING AND WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL A PERMANENT FIXTURE ON THE EASTSIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, I AM NOT USED TO TALKING VERY MUCH ON THE MICROPHONE, SO I AM A LITTLE BIT NERVOUS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SHELTER SCHOOLS. AS A PARENT OF ONE OF THE STUDENTS IN THIS SCHOOL, MY SON WAS READING AT A LOW LEVEL. SO I FOUND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AT THE SCHOOL. I KNOW WE WANT A STRONG COMMUNITY AND THAT IS WHAT WE WANT FOR EASTSIDE SAN JOSÉ. SO I WOULD LIKE, PLEASE, YOU TO HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL, BUILD UP THE SCHOOL AND BUILD THE HOPE FOR ALL THE KIDS INSIDE SAN JOSÉ. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HELLO. I'M CAROL GARVEY, THE ARTICLE A LONG TIME RESIDENT, 54 YEARS IN SAN JOSÉ. THE ARTICLE IN THE MERCURY TODAY ON THE RDA BUDGET WAS VERY TROUBLING AND CREATED EVEN MORE QUESTIONS IN MY MIND IN TERMS OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND FAIR FOR ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF SAN JOSÉ, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY IN WHICH WE LIVE. I'M SORRY THAT THE STATE IS GRABBING RDA MONEY TO BALANCE ITS OWN SORRY BUDGET, BUT DURING THESE TOUGH, TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO REMEMBER THAT WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. I HOPE ALL SIDES CAN COME TOGETHER TO PRIORITIZE AND INCLUDE SOME OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS ALONG WITH THE BIG-TICKET ITEMS SUCH AS THE CONVENTION CENTER THAT WE ALL ENJOY. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> THANK YOU MR. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. DAN FENTON WITH TEAM SAN JOSÉ. I JUST WANT TO REITERATE ON BEHALF OF A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, A LOT OF WHOM MAKE UP THE

LEADERSHIP OF TEAM SAN JOSÉ AND WORK AT CONVENTION CENTER AND ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT THIS PROJECT IS. WE TALKED ABOUT THE ONGOING JOBS THAT WOULD BE CREATED IN BOTH THE HOTEL INDUSTRY AND THE CONVENTION CENTER INDUSTRY AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION JOBS THAT COME WITH A PROJECT LIKE THIS. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE PROJECT IS READY. THAT THE HOTEL OWNERS ARE COMMITTED TO MAKE THE PROJECT HAPPEN. WE WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR RECOGNIZING THAT AND WORK WITH YOU HOW WE CAN BRING THAT GAP, SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

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>> MY

NAME IS CLARICE SHEPARD AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION. I HAVE LIVED IN OTHER CITIES WHERE THERE IS NO STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE AND THE DIFFERENCES ARE HUGE. WITH S & I'S HELP, THE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE DEVELOPED AND TRAINED AND CREATE MUCH STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS. I REALIZE CAPITAL FUNDS NEED TO BE CUT ON THIS TIME, BUT PLEASE DO NOT CUT OUR S&I STAFF. IF THE PEOPLE ARE CUT, IT WILL TAKE YEARS TO REBUILD THE PROGRAM, IF IT CAN BE REBUILT AT ALL. I AM ONE OF THE LEADERS IN TRAINING AND I DO NOT COST THE CITY ANY MONEY. PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THE SUPPORT.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS MARIA AND I REPRESENT HOTEL WORKERS. THE NEW PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS BUDGET ISN'T ABOUT PROJECTS, BUT IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE. FAMILIES LIKE MINE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE TRULY AFFECTED BY THAT BUDGET DECISION. WE SHOULD BE COMING TOGETHER AND NOT FIGHTING EACH OTHER. PLEASE LISTEN TO US, MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO YOUR PRIORITIES AND REMEMBER OUR FAMILIES, BECAUSE EACH ONE OF YOU HAS A FAMILY, YOU KNOW?

JUST LIKE US, SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT THEM. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> ANY SMALL INVESTMENT IN MACLA PROVIDES A BIG WIN AND INVESTING IN THE WILLIAM REED NEIGHBORHOOD WITH LOW-INCOME AND IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS AND YOU ARE SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MACLA HIRES ARTISTS AND WE BRING THOUSANDS EACH YEAR. THE SAME LEADERSHIP QUALITIES THAT MAKE US SUCCESSFUL ARE THE ONES THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MIRRORED IN THIS BUDGET. THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TIMES AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF COUNCIL MEMBER LICCARDO. WITH STAFF INTACT WE CAN ENGAGE NEIGHBORS. WE CAN IMPACT POLICY AND WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR REED AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I AM A RETIRED MEMBER OF SEI AREA 521. THE NEW PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS BUDGET JUST ISN'T ABOUT PROJECTS. IT'S

ABOUT PEOPLE. FAMILIES LIKE MINE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE TRULY AFFECTED BY BAD BUDGET DECISIONS. WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH, WE SHOULD BE COMING TOGETHER AND NOT FIGHTING EACH OTHER. PLEASE LISTEN TO US AND MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO YOUR PRIORITIES. REMEMBER OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HELLO, I'M WITH THE LOW-INCOME SELF-HELP CENTER AND SINCE WE OPENED TEN YEARS AGO, THE TOP GLARING NEED EXPRESSED BY OUR MEMBERS AND PEOPLE WHO DROP-IN CALLERS IS FOR SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I VOLUNTEERED ON THE HOUSING COMMISSION FOR SEVEN YEARS AND LEARNED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW HOUSING COMES TO BE HERE AND I WAS PROUD IN THAT TIME WE SAW THE FOCUS CHANGE A LITTLE BIT TO INCLUDE MORE EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSING AND SO I HATE TO SEE ALL OF THAT GOOD WORK GO AWAY. WE NEED TO KEEP OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. IF WE WANT OUR CITY TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLOURISH, WE MUST LOOK AT QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN ALL OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THE MOST IMPORTANT BEING IS THERE ENOUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR OUR WORKERS AND FAMILIES?

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> I'M WITH THE LOW-INCOME SELF-HELP CENTER AND I'M A LIBRARIAN FOR THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ AND WE DID RE-OPEN OUR CONTRACTS, SO I THINK LAST YEAR, SO I THINK WE CAN ASK THE SAME OF THE OTHER CONTRACTS THAT IT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HAS. I JUST WANT TO SAY IN AN ERA OF 12% UNEMPLOYMENT AND SO MANY FORECLOSURE NOTICES, AND THE RENTS STILL OUT OF REACH FOR MOST LOW-INCOME PEOPLE IN THIS VALLEY THAT IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE TO BE TARGETING THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND TAKING AWAY ALL OF THEIR MONEY.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> MY NAME IS VIVIAN LUNA I'M A SENIOR AND I AM GOING TO BE SPEAKING JUST FOR SENIORS. I AM LUCKY, ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES. I'M ON SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BECAUSE I'M ON A FIXED INCOME. THERE IS A GREAT NEED, PARTICULARLY FOR FAMILIES. I KNOW TOO MANY FAMILIES LIVING IN GARAGES, SHARING A ROOM WITH FOUR OR FIVE MEMBERS IN A FAMILY AND WE REALLY NEED TO BE THERE FOR THESE PEOPLE. I REALLY URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THESE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS MIKE AND GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I WAS CONCERNED TO HEAR THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBLE USE THAT YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE FOR PARKS TRUST FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE IN MANY CASES THEY BUY LAND AND UNFORTUNATELY YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR LAND TWO OR THREE YEARS TO BECOME AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE. WE NEED THE FUNDS TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVE PARK PROGRAM AND ALONG WITH HOUSING AS WE HAVE SEEN TONIGHT, YOU MUST LOOK AT A WHOLE PICTURE. YOU MUST BUILD COMMUNITIES THAT INCLUDES PARKS AND OTHER AMENITIES. SO THESE KINDS OF THINGS ARE IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US

IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WANT TO HAVE COMPANIES COME TO OUR CITY, WE NEED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE COMMUNITIES FOR THEM. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS PAULA MILLER, AND I LIVE AT THE VILLAGE AT MORGAN HILL RANCH. I AM 83 YEARS OLD AND MY PRIMARY INCOME IS SOCIAL SECURITY. I LOVE MY COMMUNITY. IT IS WELL-MANAGED. IT IS WELL-KEPT. IT IS BEAUTIFUL. I FEEL VERY SAFE THERE, AND I'M VERY CLOSE TO ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR A WOMAN MY AGE. THE DOCTORS AND GROCERY STORE AND WHATEVER. I ALSO AM CONCERNED ABOUT ALL OF THE CHILDREN THAT LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT HAVE WORKING PARENTS, AND THEY ARE LOVELY CHILDREN. WHERE DO THESE WORKING PARENTS FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT TAKES CHILDREN? AND THE CHILDREN FEEL VERY SAFE. THEY ARE LOVELY CHILDREN, AND THEY ARE A JOY. AND THE COMMUNITY IS WELL-MANAGED AND OUR CHILDREN ARE GREAT, AND I REALLY FEEL THAT THIS IS A PLACE, A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND I LOVE IT THERE AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD GO TO LIVE WHERE I WOULD FEEL SAFE --

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>> I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME SUP.

>> THANK YOU.

[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

[APPLAUSE]

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>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. HOW ARE YOU DOING TONIGHT? EVERYBODY ELSE AS WELL. I AM HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MANY CO-WORKERS THAT I WORK WITH AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. THE EXPANSION OF THE CONVENTION CENTER IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYONE. THE CLIENT, THE CURRENT CITY EMPLOYEES, THE CITY'S LOCAL ECONOMY, THE REGIONAL COMPETITION. THE CLIENT WHO GETS A NICER AND LARGER FACILITY WITH MORE OPTION TO CHOOSE FROM AND RECEIVES GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE FROM THE CITY EMPLOYEES ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE EMPLOYEE, THE EXPANSION WILL KEEP -- WILL HELP TO KEEP PRESENT EMPLOYEES WORKING DURING CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS WHEN COMPLETED. KNOWING ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF THE CONVENTION FACILITY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER TO OPERATE WITH CURRENT STAFF. THE COMPETITION, THE CITY, EXCUSE ME. THE CITY GETS MORE REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL CONVENTIONS DUE TO LARGER FACILITIES AND THE CLIENT IS HAPPY TO RETURN TIME AND TIME AGAIN.

>> SORRY, YOUR TIME IS UP.

[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR REED AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TONIGHT. MY NAME IS JONATHAN CARP, A PROFESSOR AT SAN JOSÉ STATE. I ASK YOU NOT TO ADOPT THE CURRENT BUDGET BECAUSE IT'S INADEQUATE, UNFAIR AND UNBALANCED. THE MONDAY NIGHT MEETING IS THE FIRST STEP TO CREATE A PROCESS THAT ALLOWS PUBLIC INPUT. THE STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO BE REDUCED 84%. THE GOAL SHOULD BE TO REALLOCATE THESE FUNDS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS AND PROJECTS LIKE THE CONVENTION CENTER THAT HAVE A TRACK RECORD OF BRINGING IN DOLLARS TO THE CITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HONORABLE MEMBERS COUNCIL, MY NAME IS BILL GUTHREY. LIKE SO MANY WORKING PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY, WE CURRENTLY ARE FACING OVER 30% UNEMPLOYMENT WITH LITTLE RELIEF

IN SIGHT. WITHOUT JOBS, PEOPLE ARE HURT, FAMILIS ARE HURT, CHILDREN ARE HURT. GOOD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CREATE GOOD JOBS, SOMETHING SORELY LACKING IN THIS RECESSION. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SUCH PROJECTS AND IN DOING SO, CREATE THE JOBS SO DEARLY NEEDED BY YOUR CONSTITUENCY. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS MEETING FOR NIGHT. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WORK DURING THE DAY, BUT A LOT OF THEM ARE HERE TONIGHT. SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. WE ARE FACING DIFFICULT TIMES HERE IN THE CITY AND ALSO HOUSEHOLDS ARE FACING DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES. ONE THING THAT WE CANNOT LOSE SIGHT IS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN CONSTRUCTION. A LADY MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 12%, BUT IN CONSTRUCTION IT'S 30% AND EVERY TIME THE CITY SPENDS MONEY, WE NEED TO MAKE A GOOD INVESTMENT IN THE BUILDING TRADES AND WE THINK A GOOD INVESTMENT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT BRINGS MONEY/REVENUE TO THE CITY AND JOBS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, GOOD PAYING JOBS AND PROJECTS LIKE THE STADIUM OR CONVENTION CENTER WOULD BE A GOOD PROJECT FOR THE CITY. THESE PROJECTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BRING OUTSIDE INVESTMENT AND ALSO THE HOTEL INDUSTRY IS WILLING TO TAX THEMSELVES TO EXPAND THE CONVENTION CENTER. THESE PROJECTS WILL BRING STABLILITY TO OUR RESIDENTS IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING ALL. I'M FRED HERSCH AND I'M A RANK AND FILE MEMBER OF LOCAL 393 AND THE SLOGAN OF OUR LOCAL UNION IS "WE DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME." AND TO DO THAT, ME, MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS HAVE TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND STUDY UNTIL WE DO GET IT IT RIGHT. YOU HAVE TO STUDY TO GET YOUR PRIORITIES RIGHT, SO WE DON'T LOSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AN ABSOLUTE AND BASIC NEED TO RESTORE THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE BUDGET PROPOSAL IS NOT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. TO GET IT RIGHT, YOU HAVE TO INVEST IN THE CONVENTION CENTER FOR JOBS NOW AND TO INVITE THE CONTINUING COMMERCE OF CITY VISITORS INTO THE FUTURE. THE PRESENT PROPOSAL FALLS FLAT. PLEASE STUDY YOUR PRIORITIES BY HEARING THE COMMUNITY AND GET IT RIGHT. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> THE CONVENTION CENTER IS THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF DOWNTOWN. THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE UP HERE WHOSE JOBS AND LIVELIHOODS DEPEND ON THE SAN JOSÉ CONVENTION CENTER. CAN I SEE YOU STAND UP, PLEASE? IT IS THE CONVENTION CENTER IN NEED OF A FACELIFT? IT'S OVER 20 YEARS OLD. I HAVE BEEN THERE OVER 20 YEARS. I AM IN NEED OF A FACELIFT. THE CHILLERS GO DOWN WHEN THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM GOS DOWN. THE ELEVATORS ARE 20 YEARS OLD. I HAVE BECOME AN EXPERT AT RESCUING PEOPLE FROM THE ELEVATORS. WE NEED A FACELIFT AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. THE HOTELIERS HAVE FUNDED THAT BY THEMSELVES AND IT'S TIME FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO FUND IT AS WELL.

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[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> EDEN HAS BUILT SEVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN SAN JOSÉ AND ALONG WITH OUR COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE. THEY WILL SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION IN THE CITY. AND THE POPULATION THAT SUPPORTS THE WORKINGS OF THIS CITY. THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY, ADMIN, HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS THE DISABLED AND MENTALLY ILL AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR ASSISTANCE. IT WILL PROVIDE HOUSING AND JOBS AND LEVERAGE NEARLY THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF CITY INVESTMENT INTO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> ROBERT WALKER, A HOMEOWNER AND SUPPORTER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. IT'S GOOD TO SEE THE UNIONS AND NEIGHBORHOODS JOINING TOGETHER TO OPPOSE THE RDA RECOMMENDATIONS. I THANK THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET CUTS. PLEASE HOLD THE RDA TO THE SAME HIGH STANDARDS THAT YOU HOLD YOURSELF. AFTER SAN JOSÉ RESPONSIBLY BALANCED THEIR BUDGET, THE STATE TOOK WHAT THEY NEEDED WITHOUT LISTENING TO SAN JOSÉ. THE MORE SAN JOSÉ MAKES THE MORE THE STATE TAKES. I ENCOURAGE SAN JOSÉ TO USE THE HIGHER STANDARD FOR THE RDA THAT THEY USE FOR THE RDA AND NOT FOLLOW THE STATE'S EXAMPLE TO TAKE MONEY AS THEY SEE FIT. YOU WILL DO WHAT IS BEST FOR SAN JOSÉ AND FURTHER REVIEW THE REDEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE].

[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> WELL, MY NAME IS RYAN SERENE AND I'M A RESIDENT OF SAN JOSÉ AND AN ELECTRICAL WITH THE IAUW AND JUNIOR AT SAN JOSÉ STATE. MY QUESTION IS WHAT DID THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ REPRESENT

FOR ME MANY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT OPPORTUNITY. YOUR DECISIONS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL DIRECTLY REFLECT THE VALUES AND PRIORITIES OF THE CITY. THESE DECISIONS WILL DRASTICALLY AFFECT THE LIVES OF MANY RESIDENTS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME NECESSARY TO CREATE "BUDGET THAT MINIMIZES THE IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSÉ. PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BUDGET AS IT STANDS. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN THIS CITY IN THE PAST GO DECADES. YOUR DECISIONS WILL DETERMINE WHAT SAN JOSÉ RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE].

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> MY NAME IS HENRY GUERRERO AND I'M REPRESENTING A COMMUNITY COALITION OF HOUSING AND APARTMENTS AND OUT OF ALL BUT TWO YEARS IN MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN IN SAN JOSÉ AND SINCE SAN JOSÉ HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN THIS AREA, I FEEL IT'S MY DUTY TO REPRESENT. THAT IS WHY I AM HERE, BECAUSE THE CITY SHOWED INTEREST IN SECURITY, LIGHTING AND IMPROVEMENTS AND I AM THINKING YOU FOR LETTING ME BE HERE.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS OWEN LEE WITH LOCAL 19. I AM HERE TONIGHT TO ASK THAT YOU DO NOT ADOPT THE BUDGET AS IT IS PROPOSED. IT IS INADEQUATE. IT IS UNFAIR AND IT IS UNBALANCED. BUDGETS ARE ABOUT PRIORITIES AND TOGETHER WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE BUDGET REFLECTS WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO REALLOCATE FUNDING TO HIGHER PRIORITY FUNDS LIKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PROJECTS THAT CREATE GOOD JOBS, LIKE THE CONVENTION

CENTER. THE MEETING ON MONDAY THAT THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED IS A GOOD FIRST STEP FOR REAL MEANINGFUL PUBLIC INPUT. THANKS.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING. MAYOR REED AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS RICK AND I AM PROUD TO SAY I GREW UP IN SAN JOSÉ AND I AM A CIVIL SERVANT IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ. I HAVE SEEN SAN JOSÉ BECOME THE CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY. I HAVE BEEN WORKING AT THE CONVENTION CENTER AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT I HAVE A JOB AND BENEFITS TO SUPPORT MY FAMILY, BUT THE LATEST NEWS FROM CITY HALL IS VERY DISTURBING TO SAY THE LEAST. MANY OF THE UNION BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL BE LOSING THEIR JOB DUE TO THE DEFICIT. THE DEFICIT WAS NOT CREATED OR CAUSED BY CITY EMPLOYEES. WE CITY EMPLOYEES ARE THE BACKBONE FOR THE CITY'S OPERATION. MY GOAL IS TO PRESERVE THE JOBS OF ALL EMPLOYEES. WE DEDICATE OUR LIFE WORKING FOR SAN JOSÉ. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE CONVENTION CENTER'S EXPANSION, BECAUSE REVENUES ARE WHAT DRIVES BUSINESSES AND BUSINESSES ARE WHAT DRIVE EMPLOYMENT. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I NAME IS RICARDO ESTRADA. I AM HERE. IT IS MY FIRST TIME COMING HERE, BECAUSE THE CONVENTION CENTER HAS A LOT OF PROBLEMS. NOW WE ARE IN CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE DO CUT IT FOR US, BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE THEY LIKE THEIR JOB, AND THEY NEED WORK OVER THERE. I KNOW THE ECONOMY IS BAD OVER HERE, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE SUFFERING. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HI. MY NAME IS CARMEN. I COME TO ASK YOU PLEASE TO SUPPORT THIS CONVENTION CENTER AND THAT WAY I WILL KEEP MY MEDICAL INSURANCE AND THAT WAY I AM ALSO GOING TO KEEP MY HUSBAND ALIVE. EVERY FIVE DAYS HE GOODS TO DIALYSIS. SO PLEASE KEEP THIS ALIVE. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> MEMBERS
[SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD]
THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING I'M DIANE FISHER DIRECTOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF SILICON VALLEY. THE COUNCIL IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SILICON VALLEY'S CAMPAIGN TO CUT POVERTY IN YOUR COMMUNITY. I KNOW A NUMBER OF YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE POVERTY SIMULATION THAT WE BROUGHT HERE TO THE ROTUNDA AT CITY HALL. BUT THE EFFORT TO SIMULATE THE EXPERIENCE OF POVERTY IS FAIRLY SUPERFICIAL UNLESS IT RESULTS IN

STRENGTHENING OUR VALUES OF COMPASSION AND DEDICATION TO CREATE STRONGER COMMUNITY VALUES. I HOPE THOSE VALUES RISE WITHIN YOU THIS EVENING, SO YOU CAN CHOOSE NOT TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED AND INSTEAD, CREATE A FAIR PROCESS THAT WILL ALLOW OUR REAL PRIORITIES TO BE GIVEN MEANINGFUL CONSIDERATION. THE RDA'S RESPECT OF CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES ARE DERIVED FROM THE CORE VALUES THAT NOT ONLY THE HUNDREDS WORKING IN SILICON VALLEY, BUT OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. IT'S DEFINITELY WORTH THE TIME TO CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL THAT CAN ACT AS A WORKING GROUP TO CAREFULLY PRIORITIZE OUR VALUES. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> I'M ENCOURAGING THE RDA TO REFLECT SOME VERY EXPENSIVE CONSULTING CONTRACTS. WHEN I RECENTLY CAME ACROSS WAS THE OEI ONE ENGINE OPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION STUDY TO STUDY EVEN HIGHER BUILDING HEIGHTS IN THE ESTABLISHED AIRPORT SAFETY ZONES THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WAS FOR \$200,000 AND JUST RECENTLY YOU WERE ASKED FOR \$300,000 MORE. THESE FUNDS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED FOR CRITICAL SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR, COUNCIL. ROBOL MER, MANAGER OF THE DOUBLE TREE HOTEL. HOTEL COMMUNITY OVERWHELMINGLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMIT TO A CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT THROUGH THE APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL TAX TO FUND THE PROJECT. THIS VOTE WAS MADE BASED ON THE COMMITMENT BY THE RDA TO MATCH THE HOTEL FUNDING TO FULLY FUND THE PROJECT THE. CONVENTION EXPANSION IS A SHOVEL-READY PROJECT THAT WOULD INCREASE JOBS AND LOCAL TAXES FOR CITY SERVICES. THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE PRIVATE FUNDING THAT TAKES THE BURDEN OF ONGOING MAINTENANCE OFF THE CITY AND RDA. THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

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>> GOOD EVENING, MARILYN ROSE AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS COUNTYWIDE COLLABORATIVES OVER THE YEARS AND IN ADDITION I AM A BIG FAN OF MACLA IN THE COMMUNITY

>> I AM HERE TO SUPPORT WHAT WAS SAID EARLIER BY BOB DOLSY, THAT THERE SHOULD BY A DIVISION OF FUNDS SO THERE IS A FAIR SHARE TOWARDS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM AS WELL AS THESE OTHER IMPORTANT LEAGUES THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

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>> HI. MY NAME IS ERIC LARSON AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE MEETING ON MONDAY. THAT IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. I DON'T THINK THE COUNCIL SHOULD PASS THIS BUDGET AS IT IS. IT NEEDS SOME WORK. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOLKS TO STAND UP, IF YOU SUPPORT FAIR HOUSING, A FAIR PROCESS FOR GOOD JOBS, NEIGHBORHOODS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CONVENTION CENTERS --
[APPLAUSE] I THINK WITH YOUR CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AND THIS ENERGY IN THIS ROOM THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR, YOU CAN LEAD US ON THIS ISSUE AND YOU CAN ENSURE THAT GOOD JOBS AND A GOOD COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IMPROVE THE LIVES OF FAMILIES HERE IN SAN JOSÉ. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

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[SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD]

I'M MARGARITA AND I LIVE IN SAN JOSÉ AND I PAY \$400 A MONTH FOR A ROOM. I WORK IN A HOTEL AS A ROOM ATTENDANT AND I DEPEND ON THE CONVENTION CENTER AND IT'S EXPANSION. I ASK THAT YOU DON'T FAKE THE MONEY FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. I WENT TO GO GET HELP. SO SHE WENT WHEN SHE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH WORK IN ORDER TO PAY HER BILLS. SO I ASK WITH THE BAD ECONOMY RIGHT NOW, I ASK THAT YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ME AND OTHER PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO HAVE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHEN YOU ARE MAKING YOUR DECISIONS. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HI. PAUL WITH THE BT COMMUNITY CENTER ON THE ALAMEDA AND MID-TOWN SAN JOSÉ. I WANT TO FIRST START BY GRACIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR ITS GENEROUS AND CONVERSATION SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY CENTER OVER THE YEARS. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE THERE AND IT'S REALLY TERRIFIC TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT AND WE REALLY THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. NO. 1 BUILDINGS ARE GREAT, BUT EMPTY ONES, NOT SO MUCH. SO IF WE DON'T HAVE THE CONVENTION CENTER THAT HAS WORKERS AND PEOPLE IN IT, WE DON'T HAVE THE HOUSING AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE, THE BUILDINGS AREN'T GOING TO DO MUCH IN THE WAY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU CAN LOOK AT OUR COMMUNITY CENTER AROUND THE ALAMEDA AND MID-TOWN, WHICH IS UNDERGOING A REBIRTH AND ASK THE OWNERS OF CHIPOLTE MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND OTHERS HOW MUCH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE GIVEN BY PATRONIZING OUR BUSINESSES? I REALLY ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THE PEOPLE WHO YOU WANT LIVING IN THE BUILDINGS THAT YOU BUILD. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR REED AND COUNCIL MEMBERS -- I GUESS I SHOULD IS A REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD THIS EVENING. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMICAL JUSTICE AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO FOCUS ON THE CORE SERVICES THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROVIDES. I KNOW THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DOES REALLY WONDERFUL WORK IN OUR CITY AND HAS BEEN REALLY DEVASTATED BY THE HITS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND WE HOPE THAT THE STATE WILL BE RESTRICTED IN WHAT IT CAN DO IN THE NEUTERAND WE THINK SOME CHANGES COULD BE MADE TO IMPROVE UPON THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE].

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> I AM ANDREA HARRIS AND I'M THE POVERTY CHAIR FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT HOUSING IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED. YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY AND YOU ALSO KNOW THAT OUR LOCAL COSTS FOR HOUSING AFFECT THE POOR IS SIGNIFICANTLY. IF YOU PUT OFF BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FIVE YEARS, IT WILL BE SIX

TO EIGHT YEARS BEFORE WE CAN HELP THESE PEOPLE STEP OUT OF POVERTY. AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FIVE YEARS IS THE NEED WILL MAGNIFY. WE ALREADY HAVE A BACKLOG AND THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION WILL MAGNIFY. SO IT'S FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, NOT TO MENTION ETHICALLY RESPONSIBLE TO BUILD SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING EVERY YEAR. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

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>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER. MY NAME IS SYLVIA, POLITICAL DIRECT OF THE UNITED SERVICES WEST, REPRESENTING WORKERS WHO ARE PROUD TO CALL SAN JOSÉ HOME ONE OF OUR VISIONS AS A UNION IS TO HELP TO RESTORE THE CALIFORNIA DREAM. ACALIFORNIA WHERE ALL WORKERS WHO WORK HARD CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHERE THEY WORK, IN SAFE, STABLE COMMUNITIES. THIS RDA BUDGET AS PROPOSED IS A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION THAT WILL HAVE A LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OUR STABLE COMMUNITIES HERE IN SAN JOSÉ. WE URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED BUDGET AND WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO COME UP WITH A FAIR AND BALANCED SOLUTION TO THIS SHORT-TERM PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> HI. I AM THE CHAIR OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND I'M ALSO THE PAC AND PASTOR HERE IN SAN JOSÉ. I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT A LOT OF SCRIPTURE AND JUSTICE. ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT I AM THE CEO OF MY PARISH AND I TO MAKE THE DECISIONS BACK IN JUNE. I MADE THE CHOICE NOT TO CUT PEOPLE. I MADE THE CHOICE TO CUT IN SUCH A WAY THAT EVERYONE KEPT THEIR JOBS. I TRUSTED IN MY OWN PARISHIONERS TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BUDGET AND THEY HAVE COME THROUGH. AND I HAVE THE APPRECIATION OF EVERY ONE OF MY STAFF WHO IS INTACT. I HAVE TRUST IN A COMMON SOLUTION AND JUSTICE WILL BE DONE AND YOU CAN MAKE THE CUTS THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE WITHOUT HAVING THE PEOPLE SUFFER. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE].

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK, PLEASE GET IN A CARD.

>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR, BOARD, STAFF, APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPAEFJT MY NAME IS DAVID BEAHR, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL 332. BORN AND RAISED, RESIDING AND WORKING IN SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA, AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT TONIGHT, BECAUSE REDEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO BE FUNDED AND USED TO CREATE GOOD JOBS. I AND THE MEMBERS THAT I REPRESENT WORK ON PROJECTS LIKE LIBRARIES AND HOPEFULLY THE CONVENTION CENTER REMODEL. I WORKED IN TRADE SHOWS, SAN JOSÉ THE CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY NEEDS TO REMAKE OUR CITY AS A DESTINATION AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS THAT FOLLOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

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[READING SPEAKERS' NAMES]

>> MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TONIGHT. I WANT TO ECHO WHAT SO MANY HAVE SAID HERE ALREADY, THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS UNBALANCED AND DOES NOT REFLECT COMMUNITY VALUES. I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT WHERE

THE FUNDS SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM. YOU SHOULD LOOK ELSEWHERE IN THE RDA BUDGET. THE LOWEST EXPENSES ARE IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. WE REALIZE THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DO AND MAY REQUIRE THE RENEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS, BUT WE ASK THAT YOU DO THAT IN ORDER TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITY'S VALUES. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME? MY DAUGHTER PULLED OUT THE PACK OFF THE INTERNET AND I AM THE CO-CHAIR FOR THAT AND I WAS AT THE MEETING FOR MY ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS PART OF KONA.

AS FAR AS THE INFORMATION THAT I GOT FROM THE BOOKLET, MYSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS WHO WERE PART OF THE CORE THAT WERE HERE YESTERDAY AT THE STUDY SESSION FROM 9-12. I WAS LOOKING AT THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 UP TO 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE THIS. ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT JUST KIND OF BLEW MY MIND AND I'M LOOKING AT THE STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS AND THIS IS PAGE VI107. WHERE THE PUBLIC PROJECTS STRENGTHENED NEIGHBORHOODS. THESE ARE THE 28S & I STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT WHEN YOU GO TO NO. 11, THAT IS THE KING OCALA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION --

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>> I'M SORRY YOUR TIME IS UP.

>> IF YOU LOOK AT, IT IT'S ALL ZERO. WE NEED SOME MONEY. THERE ARE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT GOT MONEY, BUT WE'RE ZERO. WE NEED THE MONEY, PLEASE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THAT WAS THE LAST REQUEST TO SPEAK THAT I HAVE, SO WE'RE DONE WITH THIS EVENING'S AGENDA. AGAIN, THERE WILL BE A WORKSHOP LOOKING AT SOLUTIONS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH. COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON A BUDGET ON DECEMBER 8TH. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.