How to Show Up June 9th & 10th

(Work in progress–
please note this document will change as new info comes in)

If you have any questions or concerns after reading this document, please email hello@surjsantaclaracounty.org

Who: All of us

What: Final Budget Hearing and Final Budget Vote, Agenda Item 3.x

When: June 9th at 4:30 PM and June 10th at 12 PM (exact times subject to change)

Where: San Jose City Hall Rotunda (4:30 PM) & San Jose City Council Chambers (6 PM Meeting), 200 E Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Why: We Demand the City Council:

1. **Rebuke the so-called "Responsibility to Shelter" policy**
2. **Stop the sweeps of unhoused people**
3. **Fund the San Jose-specific TRUST team 24/7**
4. **$1.5 million for legal services for our immigrant community**
5. **Protect Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing and homelessness prevention**

Note: If you can only make one of these days, make it Monday the 9th!!

June 9th

1) Email City Council by Monday at 8 AM!!

Put this in **the subject line**: June 9th City Council: Final Budget Hearing: Support the People's Budget.

2) Story of You, Story of Us, Story of Now:

- Your **credential**. This tells them who you are and who you roll with. You want them to understand that you are repping many other folks. Example: My name is _____ from District __ (or you can say "I'm a local voter" if you don't live in SJ) and I am a member of _____ (the group or groups you affiliate with
- **Story of You**: Why does this issue matter to you personally
- **Story of Us:** Why does this issue matter to the broader community?
- **Story of Now:** What specific action do you want them to take right now?: Do NOT move forward with the implementation of the so-called Responsibility to Shelter policy and its criminalization of homelessness–instead, focus on public safety by funding TRUST for 24/7 coverage and protecting our immigrant community.

3) Talking Points: (Pick one or two)

- Against Criminalization of Homelessness
  - Support the REAL Coalition's Services-First Outreach and Housing Strategy and Homeless Engagement, Assistance, & Response Team (HEART)
  - Arresting unhoused people is unnecessary
  - The city's own data show that fewer than 10% of unhoused people refuse shelter
  - There are over 1,400 people on a waiting list for a bed in a

shelter
    - Having a criminal record makes it more difficult to get housing
    - The root cause of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing, not a refusal of shelter
    - Arresting unhoused people disproportionately affects Black & Brown people and people with disabilities
    - Shelters are not safe and/or appropriate for everyone
    - Arresting unhoused people will lead to distrust in outreach workers
    - Arresting unhoused people is a waste of resources
    - Use care, not cuffs
    - Housing, not handcuffs
- For TRUST through next year's budget
    - TRUST is public safety. Fund care, not cuffs.
    - Have you ever had someone you care about experience a mental health or addiction crisis? What happened? What would you have wanted to happen differently? If you could have imagined your ideal response or help for ____ [the name of a person you care about who struggles with mental illness or addiction], what would it be?
    - We all try to treat others the way we want to be treated. The TRUST program treats those of us in distress the way we all would want to be treated: with dignity and compassion.
    - The TRUST program offers a safe path to help for ALL of us, but especially for those who traditionally have been most harmed by defaulting to police response for every situation and social problem.
    - If you had a broken arm, who would you rather come to help? A doctor or a cop? It's just common sense to send the right responder for the situation. That's what TRUST is all about.
    - Research on other regions that have documented that civilian crisis response for behavioral health saves money over the long term.
- Funding legal services for San Jose's immigrant community
    - ICE is out of control and is denying people due process.

- This is public safety, squarely in the purview of the city.

4) Or, just be direct::

My name is Drew Siegler. I live in D3 and I'm a member of SURJ Santa Clara County.
I'm going to keep it simple:

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- Stop the sweeps of unhoused people.
- Fund the San Jose-specific TRUST team 24/7.
- Reserve $1.5 million for legal services for our immigrant community.
- Protect Measure E funding for permanent affordable housing and homelessness prevention.

Local government is the last line of defense against what's happening in our country–stand up to protect your residents.

5) Here is the list of emails to copy and paste into **your TO line**:

mayor@sanjoseca.gov;
District1@sanjoseca.gov;
District2@sanjoseca.gov;
District3@sanjoseca.gov;
District4@sanjoseca.gov;
District5@sanjoseca.gov;
District6@sanjoseca.gov;
District7@sanjoseca.gov;
District8@sanjoseca.gov;
District9@sanjoseca.gov;
District10@sanjoseca.gov;
city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov;

Please **BCC** wehearyou@surjsantaclaracounty.org so that we can keep track.

6) Come in person to SJ City Council Monday at 4:30 PM

We need folks to

- **WEAR RED**
- Support our accountability partners at the 4:30PM rally on the steps of City Hall opposing Mahan's plan
- Be present to hold signs and keep the council accountable
- Meeting starts at 6 PM, but we expect there to be a long line to get in through security, and Mahan has already started rallying his supporters to show up in full force.
- **We will be able to make public comment at this meeting.** If you are going to speak, when you get inside, get and fill out a comment card for item 3.3 and put it in the clear acrylic box at the bottom right of the chambers. If you already emailed your comment, that's okay. Let's make them wait to hear everyone. We're expecting Mahan's base to come out in full force to support his plans, so we need to make a statement.

Please put your name here (**using the comment function**) if you can be available in person (and specify what time windows you will be available for):

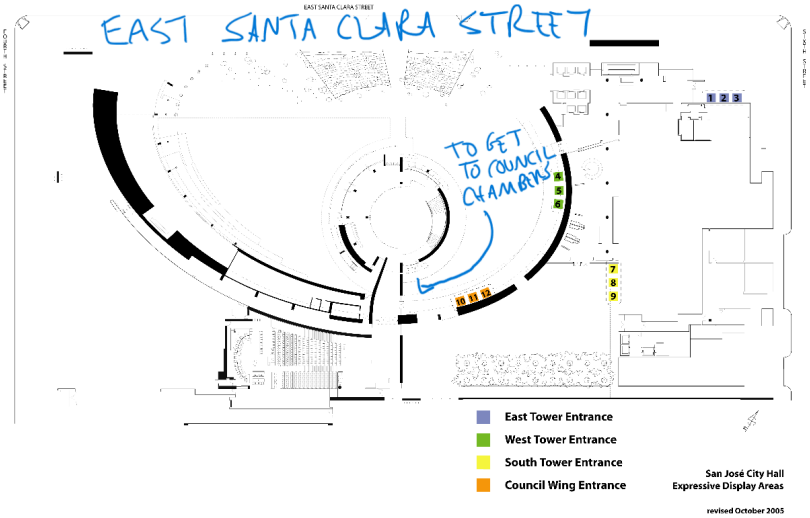
Name (time available)	Name, (time available)	Name, (time available)
Karen Matsueda (4:30 on or until I can't take it anymore)		
Deb St Juilien 4:30-on		
Sandra Asher (6pm-8pm)		
Emily Hendon - 4:30 on for as long as I can take it.		

Stephanie Preston 430 - on!		

Where is it and how do you get there?

City Hall is at 200 E. Santa Clara Street in SJ. We will meet outside near the back entrance to the Rotunda, where you can see the Urban Sanctuary church. You can use either the 6th Street City Hall garage or the 4th Street garage if you plan to drive, but make sure to get your parking validated once you are in council chambers! You can walk, bike, scooter, train, carpool or drive there. See directions to City Hall, VTA info and rates and Parking info and rates. You enter the City Hall rotunda from the back entrance near the archway that opens up onto Fifth Street and the Urban Sanctuary. Go up to the lobby to go through the metal detector and when you get inside, get and fill out a comment card for item _____ and put it in the clear acrylic box at the bottom right of the chambers.

Walk, Bike, Train, Drive



Okay I am here at City Hall, now what?

- Try to sign in with the group you are most interested in, who are likely to be wearing t-shirts with their group affiliation
- Get a fan or a sign if there are any left
- Get to know other folks there and exchange contact info if you hit it off
- Listen to the instructions and speakers

Important tips for showing up well

Please….

- Arrive on time
- Find your people
- See if there are any roles we need help with and volunteer for a task pre-action or during the action
- Get to know other folks there, ask them what brought them to this action or this issue, and exchange contact info if you hit it off. Mingle and talk to folks you have never met before.
- Bring quiet snack/water (in case you need to duck out of chambers to re-fuel)
- Have situational awareness: Who is the focus of attention? (Hint: If you're white, it shouldn't be you)

DO NOT…..

- Bring a large bag (they can't come with you into Council Chambers)

- Bring a large meal (food technically not allowed IN the chambers)
- Boo or clap during the council meeting
- Hold a sign above your head in the council chambers
- Talk to the media if not trained
- Stand in the front of any pictures, if you're not someone directly affected by police violence
- If you have the impulse to say thank you to cops, resist the urge and spend some time examining that feeling

District Info & Look- Up

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