

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:59 AM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: St. James Park/Levitt Pavilion.

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I would like to OBJECT to this project. My wife and I were born , and remain, in San Jose , as well as our parents. I have been in business ,in San Jose, for 49 years. I am quite familiar with St. James Park and it's historic significance. It should continue to be part of the "Historic District". I believe this project will be an intrusion on the residents and businesses in the surrounding area.

Regards,

Richard A. Arzino

WE HAVE MOVED. PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS:

Law Offices of Richard A. Arzino

[REDACTED]

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From: Finn Jenssen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:33 AM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Proposed Changes to St. James Park

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As a person who has always been interested in the history of San Jose, I am appalled by the proposed changes!

It would wreck our only historic park and the serenity provided to people in the buildings surrounding it. A better choice would be the open area around the Children's Park on Coleman St.

Finn Jenssen

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From: Ron Schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:24 AM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: St James. Park

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We don't support the venues we have now. All city energy and resources should be spent in cleaning downtown. It is a dirty area now and you want to add to the space a entertainment venue which will add to the confinement. Leave the park alone, the city can't manage what we have now, properly and efficiently.

Ron Schwartz, 60 year resident

Sent from my iPad

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From: CHARLES BOCKS [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:51 AM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: St James Park

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Dear members of this committee:

I have recently become aware of what I would call a revolting pla to destroy St James Park to create a revenue based city interest.

I grew up at Trinity Episcopal Church, served as an Acolyte for 10+ years. My history there goes back to Reverent's Riffenbark, and Murdock. To a time when children could safely play in the Park after church, and the evenings waiting for parents to return from dinner down town, etc.

Obviously none of those options exist in our poorly managed city, fraught with cruddy streets, mismanaged government and personal agenda politicians.

My family came to the Santa Clara Valley in 1842, The Valley Of Hearts Delight and we are still here. We cannot farm here any more nor can we process fruit; however, we can object to the irresponsible destruction of St James Park.

Examples of San Jose failures abound, let's not let this project be another one to add to the list. Let's leave the park the last of the pristine centers of the city.

The surrounding structures and homes do not deserve to be disturbed by concerts and other events. This area is reserrecting itself and the future will show the value of St James Park left as it is.

Professionally,

Charles R. bocks III D.D.S.

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From: Nielsen, James [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 12:41 PM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Levitt Pavilion Project

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I would like to express my concerns regarding the impacts on noise and vibrations that will result from the Leavitt Pavilion during their events. It seems that the EIR addresses serious noise issues that have just been overlooked or disregarded. The EIR states that the project would result in generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increases in noise levels in the vicinity of the project in EXCESS of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance. How can you justify totally ignoring these issues ? I am very frustrated that you ignore the issues that your EIR has identified. I am a member of the Sainte Claire Club and extremely concerned about the problems created by this project. I am very supportive of “ cleaning-up “ St. James Park, but building a music/event pavilion in our Park and Historic District will ruin the integrity of the District forever.

James E. Nielsen
Senior Vice President
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From: Pat Quinn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 2:21 PM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Levitt Pavillion Vote

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DEAR COUNCILMEMBERS,

HOW IS IT THAT THE CITY OF SAN JOSE, THE PROTECTOR AND GOVERNANCE BODY FOR ALL CITIZENS, GETS TO COMPLETELY IGNORE ITS OWN EIR REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LEVITT PAVILLION. THERE ARE OTHER, BETTER SOLUTIONS FOR THIS VENUE THAT WOULD NOT COMPLETELY DISRUPT A HISTORIC DISTRICT AND ITS INHABITANTS FOR 300 DAYS AND NIGHTS A YEAR.

EVERY GREAT CITY IN THE WORLD HAS CENTRALIZED GREEN SPACE THAT THEY DILIGENTLY PROTECT. FOR A CITY THE SIZE OF SAN JOSE, WE HAVE VERY LITTLE GREEN SPACE TO USE. ST. JAME SPARK IS PERFECT FOR PEOPLE TO WALK TO DURING THE DAY AND ENJOY WITH FAMILY DURING THE WEEK-ENDS AND EVENINGS IF THE CITY WOULD ACTUALLY SPEND MONEY AND ATTENTION ON CLEANING UP WHAT IS CURRENTLY THERE.

THE LEVITT PAVILLION WILL BE A MAGNATE FOR PEOPLE FROM OUT OF TOWN WHO CAN ARRIVE AND QUIETLY DISSAPPEAR ON LIGHT RAIL, ONLY TO LEAVE WASTE AND CRIME IN THEIR WAKE. THIS IS EXCATLY WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MUSIC IN PARK IN FRONT OF THE FAIRMONT HOTEL. OUT OF TOWNERS CAME IN WITH ONLY ONE THING IN MIND, TAKE AGVANTAGE OF THE RESIDENTS. I PERSONALLY WITNESSED THIS ACTIVITY TIME AND TIME AGAIN. WHAT STARTED AS A FUN DOWNTOWN EVENT DISINTEGRATED INTO A VERY DANGEROUS AND SCARY ENVIRONMENT. EVENTUALLY THE MUSIC IN THE PARK WAS CANCELLED.

LEVITT PARK WOULD BE MUCH BETTER SERVED BY BEING LOCATED IN THE AREA AROUND THE CHILDRENS MUSEUM AND GUADALUPE PARK. BETTER FREEWAY ACCESS, NO NEIGHBORS ADJACENT, LARGER MORE OPEN AREA.

PLEASE, MY FAMILY AND I EMPLORE YOU, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE FACTS THAT MAKE THIS LOCATION A DISASTER FOR SAN JOSE RESIDENTS AND OUR BELOVED HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE DESIGN FLIES IN THE FACE OF THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE PARK AND ITS SURROUNDINGS. IT WOULD BLEND IN PERFECTLY AT THE AFOREMENTIONED LOCATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE VOTE NO AND COEM UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT DOES NOT DIVIDE THE CITY.

REGARDS,

PATRICK QUINN

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From: Steve Giachetti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 9:35 AM
To: PlanningSupportStaff <PlanningSupportStaff@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Levitt Pavilion - DO NOT PROCEED

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Dear City of San Jose:

I am writing with respect to the EIR for the proposed Levitt Pavilion. Your prepared report contains many concerning items, yet you appear steadfast in pushing this project through. Among the items of concern:

- Absent a redesign of the project that would be fully consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, there are no feasible mitigation measures that would reduce the visual character impact to a less than significant level.
- St. James Square was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. The park was included in the listing as a contributor to the district, and "is the central and key component of that district of which without the district would lose its essence."
- "Implementation of the project would change the visual character of the site and the buildings and, as designed, would be constructed in a manner that would impact the historic significance of the park and the St. James Historic District."
- "The park itself is a contributor to the St. James Square Historic District at both the local and national levels, but with additional removal of features due to this project, and the potential insertion of structures and uses not compatible with the historic nature of the setting, the park would no longer be a contributor to the National Register Historic District but rather be considered non-conforming to that listing."
- "The park support buildings were not found to be fully compatible in design, materials, massing or scale, so they could affect the overall integrity of the Square as a whole, and there are some new design elements that might impact the park or the square or both."
- "As currently designed, the proposed project, as noted in the attached Rehabilitation Project Review, is not fully compatible with the St. James Square Historic District Guidelines and does not fully meet the intent of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan goals and policies"
- The project would result in generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies. Operation of the

proposed performing arts pavilion would result in interior noise levels above the City's residential interior noise standard.

- "Larger events may generate noise levels considered objectionable, particularly if the events occur frequently, late into the evening, and include higher levels of amplified sound, considerable low frequency content of that sound, and elevated crowd noise levels.
- "At this time it is unknown if sound levels can feasibly be maintained at an average level of 85 dBA at a reference distance of 100 feet from the stage during larger concerts. Nonetheless, this assumption is used to assess potential noise impacts related to the use of the performing arts venue for this study"
- The following recommendations/concerns from BAC were not addressed in the project conditions.
 - "The use of subwoofers at this venue should be discouraged"
 - "Based on BAC's observations during the Dia De Los Muertos festival, and experience in monitoring other concerts over the years, it is very difficult to enforce sound level limits on concert promoters"

The negative impact of this proposed project is apparent, and **I strongly urge you not to proceed.**

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