

Taber, Toni

From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Please vote NO on 16

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From: Kelly Cavanaugh [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:35 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Please vote NO on 16

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This is my request as a citizen who you represent!

Kelly Cavanaugh

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Le, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: Letters of Support re 8/25 City Council item 3.7

Hi Michelle,

Can you advise if you have received letters from the public for tomorrow's City Council meeting re item 3.7 Prop 16? I don't see any links to letters from the public included on legistar yet and wanted to check in since we were expected some letters in support. Thank you so much!

Best,
Nancy Lê
Deputy Chief of Staff
City of San Jose | Office of Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas – District 8
O: [REDACTED] | E: [REDACTED]
200 East Santa Clara Street – 18th Floor, San Jose, CA 95113

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Letter of support for agenda item discussing Prop. 16

From: Paul Fong [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:00 PM
To: City Clerk <████████████████████>
Subject: Letter of support for agenda item discussing Prop. 16

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Letter of support for Prop. 16.
Affirmative Action has been needed for racial justice for 24 years when prop. 209 ended Affirmative Action. I am a strong believer of Affirmative Action, it is needed now more than ever before with the murder of George Floyd and the racial injustices going on in current society. Prop. 16 would be the only tool to bring on Racial Justice back to our communities.
Sincerely,
Paul Fong

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7

From: robert rissel [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:17 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7

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Re: Repeal 209 goes to ballot..., sf chronicle, pg.1, 6/25/20

With their efforts to repeal prop 209, state Democratic senators substantiate their ethnic bigotry and an inability to learn from the past. Is the San Jose City Council going to join them?

Those Attempting to reinstate ethnic based affirmative action verifies the disrespect they have for the abilities of those in the targeted ethnicity, and is demeaning to the members of those ethnicities. It does nothing but support ethnic tensions, victimhood and identity politics.

As demonstrated across the nation with the last effort to implement ethnicity based support, individuals placed in positions through affirmative action were subjected to the disrespect of employment superiors, co workers, and subordinates by creating the possibility their placement was not gained through merit and ability. In addition, this process robbed these individuals of the personal satisfaction of knowing they had earned their position.

If the intent of the legislation is to assist the economically disadvantaged, the targeted recipients of the assistance should be those who are economically disadvantaged. Ethnicity should play no part. If the economically disadvantaged are unevenly dispersed in the ethnic groups so would be the assistance.

P.S. There is only one biologically defined "race" of people. It is known as the "Human Race".

P.P.S. You do not reduce ethnic tension by focusing on ethnicity.

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

From: Mary Griffith [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:28 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] > CouncilMeeting < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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To the City Clerk and all Council Members,
I respectfully oppose the support of Proposition 16. I ask that you do not support it either.

Removing non-discrimination from the California Constitution will allow public employers, universities, and government contracts to be decided based upon the RACE of the applicant or bidder. This is just plain WRONG.

Thank you,

Mary Griffith, San Jose CA

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To: Agendadesk
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From: Shi Xing [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:56 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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We strongly oppose Proposition 16.

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

From: Marlene McCullough [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:50 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - we do not want to take a step back in time, we need to keep moving forward. I believe a person should not be judged or counted on by their race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, but by what they can accomplish and get done.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of the day when his children were judged not based upon skin color, but by the "content of their character". He understood that you don't fix past discrimination by imposing new forms of discrimination. Judging people based on the color of their skin will take us backward and will create resentment without improving the conditions for Black or Brown or any Americans. It's an easy - but wrong - answer being pushed by politicians who don't want to do the hard work to strengthen families, improve education, and create the job growth and mentorships needed to lift people out of poverty.

Ward Connerly - a successful Black businessman, former member of the California Board of Regents, and founder of the American Civil Rights Institute - succeeded in getting California voters to approve Proposition 209 in 1996 - the California Civil Rights Initiative - which placed non-discrimination into the State Constitution. Now, activists want to REMOVE non-discrimination and bring back failed 1970s-style quotas and affirmative action.

I oppose Proposition 16 constitutional amendment that would repeal Proposition 209, that states discrimination and preferential treatment were prohibited in public employment, public education, and public contracting on account of a person's or group's race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Therefore, Proposition 209 banned the use of affirmative action involving race-based or sex-based preferences in California.

"Without Proposition 209, the state government, local governments, public universities, and other political subdivisions and public entities would—within the limits of federal law—be allowed to develop and use affirmative action programs that grant preferences based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin in public employment, public education, and public contracting."

So with Asm. Shirley Weber's (D-79) introduction of the legislation that would become Proposition 16, stating that "the ongoing [coronavirus] pandemic, as well as recent tragedies of police violence, is forcing Californians to acknowledge the deep-seated inequality and far-reaching institutional failures that show that your race and gender still matter."

But by removing Proposition 209 for her reasoning makes no sense; I am a Californian and what I see as recent tragedies as she calls it is more the lack of real leadership in the states that have allowed the violence in the streets and against our police. Yes there are a few bad apples but you get those in all walks of life. Also, from her statement; what does the pandemic have to do with Proposition 209, nothing it's more of an excuse to use. I would prefer that a person's or group's race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin not be a subject on any job, school or pushed in any ones agenda. Tired of seeing it pushed in the news daily in as well, but that is for another day.

Thank you, Marlene McCullough

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: SVH Comment RE: Item 3.5 - Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-2025

From: David Meyer [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Jimenez, Sergio < [REDACTED] > Peralez, Raul < [REDACTED] > Diep, Lan < [REDACTED] >
< [REDACTED] > Davis, Dev < [REDACTED] > Arenas, Sylvia < [REDACTED] >
Khamis, Johnny < [REDACTED] > Foley, Pam < [REDACTED] > Esparza, Maya < [REDACTED] >
< [REDACTED] > Liccardo, Sam < [REDACTED] > Carrasco, Magdalena < [REDACTED] >
< [REDACTED] > Jones, Chappie < [REDACTED] >
Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < [REDACTED] > City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
< [REDACTED] > Morales-Ferrand, Jacky < [REDACTED] > Mathew Reed < [REDACTED] >
< [REDACTED] >
Subject: SVH Comment RE: Item 3.5 - Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-2025

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Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Davis, Diep, Carrasco, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Khamis, and Peralez,

On behalf of SV@Home and our entire Board of Directors, we are proud to endorse the updated Community Plan to End Homelessness and encourage the City Council to do the same.

The Plan, which was developed through months of community engagement and public input, lays out an ambitious, but necessary and achievable agenda and work plan for helping thousands of our neighbors exit homelessness and stay securely housed. It provides the framework for collective action, which is needed now more than ever as our most vulnerable residents are being further impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and at even greater risk of becoming or remaining homeless. The City of San José has a critical role to play in supporting and implementing this Plan.

SV@Home is looking forward to continuing to collaborate with our partners, including the City of San José, Santa Clara County, and Destination: Home, to implement the Plan's strategies, especially in supporting the development of new permanent supportive housing and other deeply affordable homes, as well as building community support for these efforts.

Sincerely,

David

David Meyer
Director of Strategic Initiatives

Everyone deserves a safe, stable, and affordable home.

JOIN US IN MAKING THAT A REALITY!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY.

sv@home



Act with us. [Become a member](#) today and join us in making home a reality for all.
For all other COVID-19 related housing updates & resources [click here](#)

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To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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From: mark gong [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:20 PM
To: City Clerk <████████████████████>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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No on 16! No discrimination based on skin color!

Best Regards

Mark Gong

Building Character For A Lifetime

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

From: Mike Henry [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:50 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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Proposition 16 is fundamentally discriminatory by returning quota systems based on race.

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Proposition 16 will remove non-discrimination and bring back failed 1970s-style quotas and affirmative action.

I urge our councilmembers strongly to oppose Proposition 16.

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From: City Clerk
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To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - OPPOSE!

From: lrb topdown [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:42 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - OPPOSE!

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I Oppose and think it's wrong.

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To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

From: WHuang [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:40 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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Hi,

I learned the City Council is going to discuss Proposition 16 tomorrow 8/25/2020 under Agenda Item 3.7.

Anyone familiar with the constitution of the country knows that Prop 16 is a blatant violation of the supreme law of the country. It is hardly fathomable to see nowadays there still are politicians and elected officials who are committed to such flagrant defiance and naked deprivation of a basic and common sense in legislating and governing by skin color.

As a resident of the City of San Jose, I strongly oppose Proposition 16 and seriously urge the Council to not only disapprove this proposition, but also denounce and condemn all moves of such immoral, evil, and demonic nature that are going to corrupt and ruin the beloved state of California as well as to pollute the great country of the USA.

I hope the City Council will give a solemn consideration in the direction they are leading the City to.

Thank you,
Weimin Huang

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From: City Clerk
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To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

From: no aca5 [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:26 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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To whom may concern,
I strongly oppose Prop16.
Prop16 will divide our society.
I hope everyone has the same opportunity.
I hope we can judge a person only based on merit, not based on the RACE.

NO Prop 16

Thanks
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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Item 3.7
Attachments: cja.pdf

Importance: High

From: Richard Konda [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:20 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.7
Importance: High

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Dear City Clerk: Please see our attached letter in support of Prop 16.
Sincerely

Richard Konda
Executive Director
Asian Law Alliance
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95126
[REDACTED]

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From: City Clerk
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From: Rene' Jones [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:26 PM
To: City Clerk <████████████████████>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE prop 16.

S. René Jones

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda item 3.7 - proposition 16 - Oppose

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From: ROXANE MORTENSEN [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:57 PM
To: City Clerk <████████████████████>
Subject: Agenda item 3.7 - proposition 16 - Oppose

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7-prop 16-oppose.

From: john besmer [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:54 PM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7-prop 16-oppose.

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I oppose prop 16

John Besmer

Luzerne Optical lab.
[REDACTED]

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John Besmer
Luzerne Optical Lab.
[REDACTED]

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Item 3.7, NO ON PROP 16

From: Anne Stenehjem [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:56 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Item 3.7, NO ON PROP 16

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It's an easy - but wrong - answer being pushed by politicians who don't want to do the hard work to strengthen families, improve education, and expand job opportunities and mentorships to lift people out of poverty.

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Now, activists want to REMOVE non-discrimination and bring back failed 1970s-style quotas and affirmative action. Proposition 16 would completely overturn Proposition 209.

I OPPOSE Proposition 16.

Sincerely,
Anne Stenehjem
San Jose, CA

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose" in the subject line of your email.

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From: Daisy Li [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:43 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose" in the subject line of your email.

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Strongly object and will vote NO on Prop 16.

Thank you!

Daisy Li

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: item 3.7 8-25 city council meeting
Attachments: Yes on Prop 16.pdf

From: Richard Konda [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 5:52 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
Subject: item 3.7 8-25 city council meeting

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Dear City Clerk: Please see attached letter.
Sincerely,

Richard Konda
Executive Director
Asian Law Alliance
[REDACTED]
San Jose, CA 95126
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To: Agendadesk
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

From: Zhining Chin [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:16 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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Judging people based on the color of their skin will take us backward and will create resentment without improving the conditions for Black or Brown Americans. It's an easy - but wrong - answer being pushed by politicians who don't want to do the hard work to strengthen families, improve education, and expand job opportunities and mentorships to lift people out of poverty.

Best regards

Zhining Chin
[REDACTED]

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From: someday [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:31 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED] >
Subject: Agenda Item 3.7 - Proposition 16 - Oppose

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Yes on 16 is Pro-Special-Interest and Anti-Immigrant!

Please do not support and endorse this racial bill which would further divide the Americans.

Keep discrimination illegal Racial Preferences Kills the American Dream!

The Yes on 16 campaign is **primarily funded by two special interest groups**: an Oakland real estate tycoon named Wayne Jordan and the Netflix CEO Reed Hastings. They are beholden to billionaires. This makes sense, of course, because racial preference primarily benefits elites whose children get favorable treatment in college admissions and whose interests are propped up by the government. Under Prop. 16, Wayne Jordan would get to secure massive government contracts unavailable to others because he happens to be an "underrepresented minority".

The Yes on 16 campaign undermines immigrants and the foundations of what immigrants believe about America. Immigrants from all over the world come to America to flee oppression, especially on racial or ethnic lines. They do not want their backgrounds to be used either for or against them - they want to be judged on their hard work and personal character. The Yes on 16 campaign is **running a xenophobic apparatus** bent on trying to portray immigrants as self-centered for wanting to not have race be used against them. Lisa Holder of Equal Justice Society represented Yes on 16 in an endorsement interview on 08/20 and said: **"The No on 16 opposition is a bunch of Chinese who speak broken English!"** Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, a supporter of Prop 16, said about Asian immigrants campaigning against race preferences: "[the campaign] makes me feel like I want to punch the next Asian person I see in the face." The "anti-racists" are exhibiting blatant racism!

Thanks!

Hsiao Fen Huang

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To: Agendadesk
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From: Vivian Yang [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:05 AM
To: City Clerk < [REDACTED]>
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