



# SILICON VALLEY CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

December 2, 2022

The Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council  
City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara St., Suite 18  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Special Meeting on Filling Vacancies in Council Districts 8 and 10

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council:

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Central Chamber, a regional chamber of commerce encompassing the geographical territory affectionately known as Silicon Valley (and beyond), we strongly urge the San Jose City Council members to hold a 'special election' to fill the District 8 and 10 vacant council seats. Allowing citizens to elect their representatives is the most fundamental governmental function - more important than any other, including police & fire, health & welfare – and the cost of the election should not be considered a constraint or relevant factor.

Historically, the City of San Jose, the 10<sup>th</sup> biggest city in America and the metropolitan center of our community, has held 'special elections' to fill vacant seats so that the citizens of the affected districts select their replacement Council member in fair and timely elections.

Preserving every citizen's voting right requires that they be allowed to elect their representatives (Council members). The highest priority of our representative democratic form of government is elections – which means that citizens have voted for and a majority have selected the person that represents them.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at [President.CEO@SVCentralChamber.com](mailto:President.CEO@SVCentralChamber.com) or (408) 244-8244 with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christian D. Malesic".

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