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# Willow Glen I mes



## **Moveable launches its Food Truck Fridays in Willow Glen**

oveable, the folks who founded food truck festivals in the South Bay ten years ago, have launched Food Truck Fridays in Willow Glen

From 5 to 9 p.m.at the Willow Glen Safeway location at 1530 Hamilton Ave. at Meridian Avenue, you can now make both onsite orders and pickup of pre-ordered meals to take home from three food

"Our goal with these events is to bring a variety of great local food to our customers and the communities our stores serve while maintaining a safe environment for the customers attending," said Matt Lynch, senior vice president for meals at Safeway parent company Albertsons.

#### Here's a typical lineup:

Thai Thai: Pad thai (chicken, shrimp, tofu), orange chicken, basil chicken, curry (red, yellow)

I Love Cheesesteak: Philly Cheez, Korean Bulgogi, Hot Date, Bacon Love ribeye steaks

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Horchata, 408(caramel with fudge, Oreos), sorbet (lemon, mango, rasp-

Grillzilla The Dudes: California burgers, crispy chicken sandwiches (Buffalo style, garlic parmesan), grilled chicken, salads

Saigon Street Food: Banh mi, rice and noodle plates with chicken or pork, egg rolls, Vietnamese iced

Luv's Brownies: Brownies in cones, milkshakes, sundaes, ice cream sandwiches, on a stick

Akita Sushi: Sushi, sashimi, hand rolls, teriyaki bowls, poke, bento boxes

Road Dogs: Beef hot dogs (classic, chili, bacon, kraut), bratwurst, fries, tots, onion rings

Luv's Brownies: Brownies in cones, milkshakes, sundaes, ice cream sandwiches, on a stick

For information on a list of food items served for each upcoming Friday, visit www.mvbl.com. For the safety of food workers, customers are asked to wear a face mask when picking up their food.

# **Kate Carlson of Willow Glen** finds painting relaxing and enjoyable during pandemic

By William Bellou Publisher

or 18 years, Kate Carlson of Willow Glen was a web and graphic designer, predominantly in the tech industry.

When Covid hit, like others, work was scarce and after a few weeks of moping around, she fell back on her Fine Arts degree (BA FA) and began to paint.

"I had forgotten how relaxing and enjoyable it is to paint, Kate said. "Lockdown was actually bearable and even fun! It certainly was a positive career change that I hope to maintain."

A lot of Kate's work is inspired by her small but plentiful back garden that's filled with bright flowers and an array of native animals.

"Growing up in Australia, I was influenced by the Aussie flora and fauna, a lot of which also grows in California," Kate explained. "I derive pleasure and inspiration from nature and paint outside at my Willow Glen home."

After several watercolor paintings with favorable reviews from Kate's Facebook friends, she took it to the next level and formed ROO & CREW.

"I apply my paintings to numerous products such as cushion covers, posters, towels, blankets, masks, clothing, kids' items, bags and masks, Kate said. "My favorite project though, is a children's picture book, titled A-Z Animalia which illustrates the alphabet with watercolor paintings of animals."

Outside of art, Kate says she loves strolling down Lincoln Avenue in Willow Glen, walking her dogs around the tree-lined streets, and taking day trips to the beach or the mountains.

"I am taking in all that California



Inspire a love of nature and exploration, while teaching the alphabet with the A-Z ANIMALIA picture book (sample above) and pillow covers (see sample bellow) are available. Created directly from Kate Carlson's original watercolor paintings. www.rooandcrew.com Photo courtesy of Kate Carlson.







has to offer - constantly amazed by its beauty and doing my best to reflect this through painting."

Kate is now selling her products at local farmers' markets and online. Visit www.rooandcrew. com to see Kate's many creations.



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#### **Times Community News**

#### **IN MEMORY**

## **Elaine Fritz**

**June 16, 1957- September 1, 2021** *Resident of Willow Glen* 

**Elaine Rose Fritz** passed away peacefully at home the morning of September 1,

2021. She is survived by daughter Katie Fritz, Paul Fritz, brother Michael, sisters Shirley, Louise, Gail, Fran, & preceded by sister Jean and parents Kenneth & Eileen. Elaine was born



on June 16, 1957 in Sacramento and is the second youngest of seven. After graduating from USF with a nursing degree, she moved to Mountain View where she met and fell in love with Paul. After marrying Paul, she moved to Willow Glen and founded the first hospice company in Santa Clara County.

She continued to direct multiple hospices helping thousands of families find comfort. Of all her accomplishments, her proudest was raising her beautiful daughter Katie.

Elaine enjoyed live music (specifically Tom Petty), the San Francisco Giants, and

spending time with her daughter and her neighbors, who she loved as family.

Services were held at St. Francis Episcopal Church on September 11.

#### **HONORS**

### Amy Morley of Willow Glen named to Honors List at Mercy College

Amy Morley of Willow Glen has been named to Honors List Summer 2021 semester at Mercy College of Ohio. Morley is majoring in Medical Imaging.

To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours.

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo, Ohio and a location in Youngstown, Ohio. The college It focuses on healthcare and health science programs.



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#### **LETTER**

#### **'Build Back Better Act' will** unrig economy

Dear Editor,

I am a homemaker. I am the wife of a worker at a grocery store. As one who does the unglamorous job of bagging customers' groceries, he knows first hand the impact that COVID has had on the health and wellbeing of the people in my community. I've also seen how the pandemic has made clear that the wealthy and corporations keep getting richer while everyday Americans struggle.

People who work at thankless jobs like my husband have had to make impossible decisions. They've had to choose between paying for their medications or putting food on the table, between child care for their kids and rent. My community faces so many critical challenges and we actually have a shot to fix some.

Right now, we have a historic opportunity to pass the full Build Back Better Act, which would help unrig the economy and make it work for everyone. It would help many patients more easily afford their health care coverage and lower the costs of their prescription drugs. It would also create good-paying jobs and improve our schools. All of this and more can be achieved if we pass this law by making the rich and corporations pay their fair share. Our elected officials must finally choose

For far too long, government has favored with policies those whose pocketbooks can easily buy the access and influence denied to the average citizen. And we suffer as a result. Because of this inequality, too many go without the basics. And trying to pass legislation to reverse this trend is a lesson in futility. But now we have a chance to change all that. With the "Build Back Better" Act, the working class can finally have our say. Congress needs to listen and finally pass this act. The time is now.

**Denise Mayosky** 

San Jose

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# Valley Currents

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The Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County were participants at the 2019 "Heart of the Park" celebration.

## **'Heart of the Park'** celebration returns Oct. 16

By Linda Wilson

Special to the Times

he Martin-Fontana Parks Association (MFPA) is back with "Heart of the Park' celebration on October 16 following a pandemic pause.

Scheduled are lots of fun activities and informational booths starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Jeffrey Fontana Dog Park on Golden Oak Way.

The annual event brings together friends and neighbors to celebrate and learn about the varied features of our neighborhood parks, including a bird watching tour at noon in the natural Guadalupe Oak Grove Park, plus lots of "how to" and craft booths, and activities for children.

Kids can get a chance to paint a Halloween pumpkin, make their own COVID mask, play a giant "Jenga" along with other games, and enjoy free ice cream bars from the | trees.com.

SJPD Crime Prevention ice cream truck

In addition to the Informational booths, everyone is invited to enjoy the "Strut Your Mutt" dog parade starting at 1:00 p.m. The popular Raffle drawing takes place at 2:30 p.m. with lots of great prizes donated by various local businesses.

The MFPA, formed in 2010, successfully stopped the PG&E removal of 140 mature trees in the parks. The nonprofit has grown to become the most active neighborhood park group in the city. Proceeds from this event go to help MFPA with its continuing efforts to save trees and make these parks a great place for an enjoyable experience for everyone.

To view the list of raffle prizes and information booths visit the Martin-Fontana parks Association website at: www.saveourpark-

# Local high school senior becomes advocate for early neuroscience and mental health education

The NeuroKidz is dedicated to enriching children's lives

> By William Bellou Publisher

ental health and substance abuse are among ■ the most devastating societal issues faced today by teenagers around the world.

The root cause of this issue is excessive stress, and children from underprivileged backgrounds are disproportionately

Nethra Srinivasan, senior at Leland High School, realized that if kids knew how their brains worked, they would know how to cope with pressure instead of succumbing to vaping and drugs. This realization motivated her to become a mental health and early neuroscience education advo-

In the winter of 2018, Nethra founded The NeuroKidz, a youthled international 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse backgrounds by providing exposure to neuroscience through STEAM (STEM infused with arts).

Nethra and her organization partners with elementary and middle schools in our community to spread a greater understanding of neuroscience through interactive lessons and hands-on activities. Their mission is to empower our youth, particularly from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue careers in STEM and create equitable opportunities for

Within three years, The NeuroKidz has enriched the lives of 1250+ students in 10 states in the US and internationally in Greece, Nigeria, Kyrgyzstan, India and Oman with the help of 65+ volun-

This fall. The NeuroKidz has partnered with Women in Neuroscience, Nigeria to spread Neuroscience education to students in Nigeria. WINNg is a growing network of female African neuroscientists who are working to inspire and provide mentorship and access to opportunities for more women who are interested in a career in neuroscience and STEM disciplines. The NeuroKidz and WINNg are excited for this



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collaboration.

"Crafting young minds' careers in neuroscience has been my greatest passion and legacy to humanity," said Nigeria, Dr. Chinna Orish MBBS,PhD and founder

of WINNg who heads the Department of Anatomy, University of Portharcourt. "To achieve this, we rock the collaborative juice flowing with the NeuroKidz."

See NEUROKIDZ, page 6



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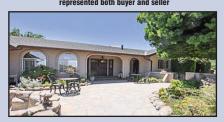
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#### **NeuroKidz**

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The NeuroKidz is also proud to announce a collaboration with Santa Clara County's School Linked Services to conduct workshops for middle and high schools to promote healthy brains and neuroscience starting October 2021.

The NeuroKidz is currently welcoming





high school volunteers to join their team. To learn more about the organization or for information on bringing this program to your elementary school, starting a volunteer chapter at your high school, donations, business sponsorships, and to join its team check out theneurokidz.org.

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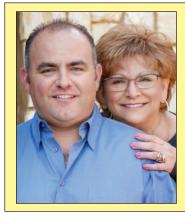
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#### Times Local News

#### 'Free Shakespeare in the Park' 2021 Festival

Final show to be held October 10

Por the 39th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park, SF Shakespeare Festival presents "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," episode 4, "This Great Miracle" will be presented Oct. 10 at the Cupertino: Memorial Park Amphitheater (Stevens Creek Blvd & Mary Ave) at 4 p.m.

In Episode 4, Pericles' daughter Marina has been kidnapped and sold to a brothel in Mytilene. She devises an escape and begins earning her living as a teacher. Believing his daughter to be dead, a despondent Pericles drifts to the island of Mytilene. Lysimachus, the local governor, summons Marina, thinking her kindness might comfort the depressed prince. A joyous recognition occurs between Pericles and his daughter when they realize the miraculous nature of this chance encounter. The goddess Diana descends and orders Pericles to visit her temple in Ephesus, where another reunion awaits.

This Jacobean adventure is set in the classical past and spans many



years in the life of the hero and his family. The action ricochets all over the Eastern Mediterranean moving from one ancient city to the next with travel animated by peril and punctuated by near-death experiences, tempests, and pirate kidnapping. These elements make Pericles an ideal play to perform episodically in miniseries fashion with cliffhangers bringing you back for each new installment.

The show runs approximately 75 minutes with no intermission. Audiences will be required to wear masks and socially distance, with three feet of space between themselves and their neighbors. Programs will primarily be provided digitally to limit close interaction with ushers and house managers. Per the theater's agreement with the union, Actors Equity Association, actors may not visit with audience members, and cannot sign autographs.



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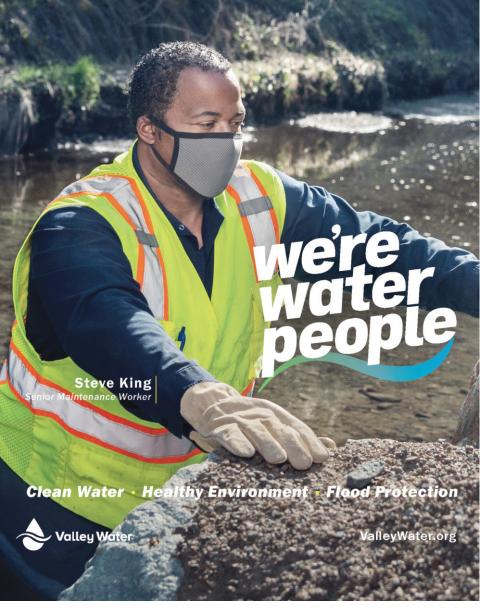
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#### Times Feature



## **San Jose Chamber Music Concert** Series comes to Willow Glen Oct. 9th

he San Jose Chamber Music Society presents its 2021-22 season of chamber music concerts in San Jose at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Willow Glen opening Saturday Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. with the acclaimed Auryn Quartet from Germany, playing string quartets of Haydn, Mozart, and Mendelssohn.

The Society welcomes lovers of classical music to its new venue - St. Francis Episcopal Church - with its lively acoustic, 246 comfortable chairs, neighborhood setting, good sightlines, and a superior 9'2" Bechstein concert grand piano.

With the SJCMS chamber music series and other performances now planned at St. Francis, the Church can become a center for music events for the community of Willow Glen, San Jose, and beyond. The church, located at: 1205 Pine Avenue (corner Newport Ave.) in Willow Glen has 20 on-site parking spaces, four of them for handicapped placards. Audience parking, as with church services, is primarily on the neighborhood streets.

SICMS concerts follow required health and safety protocols - of CDC, State, County, City, Diocesan, and St. Francis Church. These currently include: 1) everyone attending must show proof of full vaccination; and 2) everyone must wear a face mask while on church premises - both indoors and outside. Also, for this season, to reduce the time the audience is gathered together, concert music will be shortened to about 75 minutes - and there will be no Intermission, and no preconcert talk.

#### **Auryn Quartet**

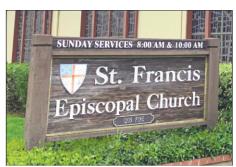
The Auryn Quartet's outstanding 40year career with its original personnel lets them reveal classic repertoire with singular depth and mastery—and freshness. Their lauded recordings of the entire Haydn cycle won the Echo Klassik Prize and German Record Reviewers' prize, and their Schubert CDs the Diapason d'Or. "Shared spirituality" (New York Times); "this is one hot ensemble" (Ottawa Citizen).

At the October 9 concert, the Auryn Quartet will perform Haydn's Op.20/No.2 "Sun" Quartet showing Haydn's development of the String Quartet to a masterly maturity, with passion and intensity - a supreme achievement of the Classical period. The Auryn also perform Mozart's intensely expressive Quartet #15, K.421, from a set he dedicated to Haydn - a set, Haydn said, was the greatest composed up to that time! The concert closes with Felix Mendelssohn's impassioned F Minor Quartet, Op.80, composed expressing agony and as a loving elegy following sister Fanny's death in 1847. For composers, musicians, and listeners, chamber music taps and evokes one's emotions - taking one deep within - as well as beyond one-

The Society's six-concert season at St. Francis Church also includes: on Sun. Nov.21 the Schumann string Quartet (from Germany) with local star pianist Jon Nakamatsu joining to perform Robert Schumann's Piano Quintet; on Feb.5, 2022, the Poulenc Trio (piano, oboe, bassoon, from Baltimore MD); on March 13, the St. Lawrence String Quartet (resident at Stanford University), on April 10 the Catalyst Quartet (from NY City), and closing May 1 with Delphi Piano Trio (Bay Area top players) perform women composers - Clara Schumann, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Lili Boulanger, and Californian Gabriela Lena Frank. Subscribe and buy tickets at www.sjchambermusic.org to hear them all.

#### **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions and single tickets for the 35th season are available now at the Society's website sjchambermusic.org, where the season brochure can be downloaded. SICMS will also sell tickets at the door starting 6:00 p.m. -- an hour before the 7:00 p.m. concert start time. Ticket requests may be left on the Box Office voicemail at 408-286-5111.



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**Times Local News** 

# **YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley names Adriana Caldera Boroffice new CEO**

*The nonprofit celebrates* the announcement of its first woman of color CEO

WCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley has a new CEO, Adriana Caldera Boroffice (inset).

The more than 100-year-old nonprofit, whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women, is celebrating the announcement its first woman of color CEO.

Boroffice had been serving as Interim CEO since December 2020, during which time the executive search firm Carlson Beck led an intensive, nine-month nationwide CEO search.

Born and raised in San Jose, "Boroffice brings a deep understanding of the communities and people YWCA serves," said Board Chair Barbara Wakefield. "With an 11-year tenure at YWCA, in progressively key roles, Adriana offers proven and trusted leadership. Furthermore, as our first Latinx CEO, Adriana represents the majority of clients YWCA serves, as well as our dedicated staff team. I couldn't be more confident in our choice of CEO to steward YWCA's Mission."

Adriana Caldera Boroffice is a non-profit leader with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the movement to eliminate violence against women. For the past twelve years, she has developed and resourced comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault services to meet the unique needs of survivors in Santa Clara

"I'm thrilled for the opportunity to continue building on the momentum that's already been started with YWCA staff, our clients, and our partners," said Boroffice. "The community can count on YWCA to maintain a strong presence in each of the areas it serves to address issues of housing insecurity, anti-violence, social justice, mental health, childcare and economic instability. We will continue to foster deep and meaningful relationships with community members, non-profits, and local government, and show up authentically in our communities."

YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley, is one of the first multiservice agencies in the Bay Area, and is rooted in its Theory of Change which requires a continuum of response to the challenges of racism, sexism, and gender-based violence. The nonprofit offers direct services to meet immediate needs, issue education to change hearts and minds in local communities, and legislate advocacy to change the rules and systems in order to achieve greater equity and jus-

Adriana received a BA in Sociology (with an emphasis on law and society) and a BA



in Political Science from the University of California, Davis. She also received her Master's in Public Administration and Public Policy from San Diego State University.

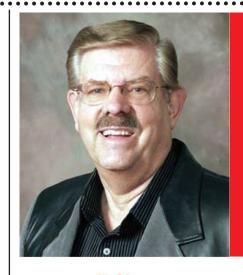
After obtaining her Master's degree, Adriana worked as a

Community Development Manager for the American Cancer Society. She was responsible for raising \$500,000 annually through the successful execution of five signature Relay for Life 24-hour cancer walk-a-thon events. She was responsible for recruitment and training of volunteer committees for each event; as well as responsible for generating team sign-ups, securing financial sponsorships, planning and overseeing event logistics, and community mobilization.

Adriana began working within the domestic violence field in 2009, as a Grants Manager for the Support Network for Battered Women. In this role, she maintained a robust grant portfolio of government and foundation support totaling \$1.2 million in revenue. In 2011, she was promoted to Director of Domestic Violence Department (YWCA Silicon Valley); overseeing a team of 25 staff members, managing all of the domestic violence services, continuing to maintain the grant portfolio, as well as designed and managed the Department's individual donor fundraising efforts. In 2015, Adriana was elevated to the role of Chief Program Officer of the YWCA Silicon Valley, overseeing the Counseling, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Care and TechGyrls programming. In 2019, the role of CPO was renamed as Chief Program Officer, Justice and Healing, to reflect the tighter focus on the Counseling, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/HT programs.

"The community can count on YWCA to maintain a strong presence in each of the areas it serves to address issues of housing insecurity, antiviolence, social justice, mental health, childcare and economic instability. We will continue to foster deep and meaningful relationships with community members, non-profits, and local government, and show up authentically in our communities."

– Adriana Boroffice



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#### Times Feature

#### Mayor, councilmembers, propose plan to dramatically reduce homelessness population and beautify city

Proposals will triple emergency housing units to 1,000, quadruple San José Bridge jobs

an José Mayor Sam Liccardo and six San José City Councilmembers announced bold solutions to tackle the homelessness crisis and beautify the City.

Their proposals, Liccardo, Sergio Jimenez, Raul Peralez, David Cohen, Dev Davis, Pam Foley, and Matt Mahan outlined a new initiative calling for a "Compassionate and Clean San José" that would triple the number of rapid-build apartments and double down on efforts to clean up neighborhoods.

The plan follows the announcement of the Biden Administration's "House America" initiative and would leverage an unprecedented

amount of Federal and State funding available to address the homelessness crisis.

The plan would bring the City's total rapid-build apartment units—also known as emergency housing—to 1,000 under construction or completed by the end of 2022 and pursue Homekey funding for an additional 300 hotel/motel units, which would decrease San José's unsheltered population by more than 20%. The proposals also call to quadruple the current number of positions for San José Bridge — which employs unhoused San José residents in job training programs as they work on beautifying the City—from 50 to 200.

The proposals call for an expansion of efforts to address illegal dumping, including the introduction of monetary rewards for those who cite illegal dumping activities, and

the deployment of cameras at illegal dumping hotspots.

Finally, the proposals call for an update on the approach to the vehicle abatement program, which was modified during the shelterin-place and has been operating in a hybrid model that reacts to resident complaints and includes some proactive enforcement.

"We have an opportunity to deploy an unprecedented level of resources to move the needle in addressing two of our City's most pressing challenges: providing housing solutions for unhoused residents, and blight on our streets," said San José Mayor Sam Liccardo. "We've proven that housing can be constructed in months rather than years, and at a fraction of the cost. We also demonstrated the effectiveness of SJ Bridge, in providing

employment for unhoused residents while addressing blight. In the year ahead, we must double down on what's working, and accelerate these efforts."

In response to the pandemic, the City used prefabricated, modular construction to quickly build three emergency interim housing communities for 317 formerly unhoused individuals, couples, and families. The first proposal from the Mayor and Councilmembers Sergio Jimenez (D2), Raul Peralez (D3), Pam Foley (D9), and Matt Mahan (D10), will triple emergency housing capacity to a total of 1,000 by adding 683 rapid-build apartments and pursue State Homekey funding to acquire 300 units of hotels/motels. This will increase countywide shelter capacity from 28% to 54.4%, and reduce the unsheltered population by more than 20% in San José.

#### Temporary safe parking site for unhoused RV residents proposed

To fund development of the rapid-build apartments, the Mayor and Councilmembers propose leveraging the unprecedented amount of funding for which San José is eligible through Homekey, ARPA, and a historic HHAP investment to local municipalities made possible by California's Big City Mayors advocacy efforts. The modular units would be spread across six sites in the six council districts that do not currently host a transitional housing site, and would prioritize housing unsheltered residents in the immediate surrounding neighborhoods to ensure the entire community directly benefits from hosting an emergency housing site. The Mayor and Councilmembers also propose incentives for private landowners with large parking lots who might be willing to host a transitional housing community given the limited availability of land.

In addition to emergency housing construction, the plan includes recommendations to add a temporary safe parking site for unhoused residents living out of RVs in District 2, and an aggressive approach to encourage the development of a sobering center where treatment options can be identified for individuals arrested for criminal offenses while actively under the influence of a drug.

The second proposal, "Clean San José" from the Mayor and Councilmembers David Cohen (D4), Dev Davis (D6), Pam Foley (D9), and Matt Mahan (D10), calls for quadrupling of the San José Bridge program, of which Mayor Liccardo recently announced an expansion. The program currently has 50 participants. The newest proposed expansion will allow for an additional 100 residents on top of the planned expansion for a total of 200 transitional jobs, as well as add up to 250 additional litter hotspots for frequent cleaning.

#### Quotes from San José Councilmembers: Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, District 2

"I am proud to work collaboratively with the Mayor and my colleagues to expedite interim housing solutions. As a City and society we must prioritize getting people off the streets. I especially look forward to partnering with the Mayor to temporarily locate a 'safe parking' RV site at or near the future police training facility in my district."

#### Councilmember Raul Peralez, District 3

"It is important that we look at all opportunities to build more housing for our most vulnerable throughout the City, while providing humane care and services. The quicker these sites can be developed, the sooner we can break the cycle of chronic homelessness."

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