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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urging No Vote on Item 23
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:24:40 PM

HousingforAll Alliance

1450 El Camino Real

Santa Clara, CA 95050

May 11, 2020

Dear President Cindy Chavez and Members of the Board of Supervisors - Santa Clara County

Re: Public Comment Urging No Vote on Item 23 ([May 12, 2020](#))

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From: [walter wilson](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Urging No Vote on Item 23 (May 12, 2020)
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:39:45 PM

Public Comment Urging No Vote on Item 23 (May 12, 2020)

Hello Honorable members of the Board of Supervisors, President Chavez, Dr. Smith and County Staff,

I hope that things are well and that you and your loved ones are safe.

My name is Walter Wilson. I have been a resident of Santa Clara county for over 47 years. I am a Great Grandfather, a Husband and a Brother. I am also a business owner who seeks to bring more Diversity and Inclusion into the Santa Clara county business environment.

I am also, an advocate for the underrepresented, underprivileged, unheard, powerless people of Santa Clara county. Mostly people of Color with disproportionately negative health, economic, education, social and criminal justice issues.

First of all, I want to personally thank you each of you for your support and leadership during this Covid19 virus. The support and leadership that you have given to County Staff during this time has assisted in saving lives. and must be applauded. Because of the work of County workers, we are one of the safest counties in the Country. This is why, I do not understand the proposal to "CAP" each member of the Board of Supervisors inventory allocation to \$500,000.00. This simply means that there are those who are and will continue to be increasingly in dire need of financial assistance, but will be limited by the this resolution. In this age of the "Covid19 virus", those who have authored and or support this resolution are from Districts that are the most affluent districts in the county. Those Districts also have the lowest Covid19 infection rates and the lowest Covid19 death rates. Those are irrefutable facts. Still, I am certain that those Supervisors who voted to support this resolution believe that their reasoning to "CAP" this funding is the right thing to do. Although, I must admit, I cannot find a reason why in the Covid19 era this is being proposed.

While those Supervisors who voted to oppose this resolution, have not only the poorest most needy citizens in their districts, but their districts are disproportionately negatively impacted by the Corona Covid19 virus. They have the highest infection rates, the highest death rates and now today, the highest number of new cases. Why? Because they are from the Communities too poor to support their Families during the shelter in place, and are risking their very lives to go to work out of necessity. These Zip codes are the hardest hit by the Covid19 virus, 95116,95127,95122,95148. All are in east San Jose, and more importantly have four times the rate of infection as the "other" more affluent communities of the county. Once again,

irrefutable facts. https://public.tableau.com/views/COVID-19deathscomparedtoLatinopop/Toggle?amp::embed=y&:embed=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link

Even now, during this Covid19 era, the most dangerous time in our Countries history, those citizens who live in the poorest Board Districts, "must" go to work to pay their rents, to feed their families, and to just survive. And because of that, they are the **fastest growing new cases of Covid 19**. But still, to survive, they must risk bringing the Covid19 virus to their homes, to their Families. Those Families will have much more sickness and more deaths than the rest of the County. Also irrefutable facts. This is not the time to cut off or limit funding of any kind to our Citizens here in Santa Clara county.

Under this proposal, to CAP each Board of Supervisor at \$500,000.00 each; even if all of the Board members committed each of their limited \$500,000.00 to those Zip codes who suffer the most under Covid19, it would be a drop in the bucket and would alleviate little human suffering or even stop the rising death tolls there.

Americans are dying right here, we all know that they are mostly People of Color. This is not the time to put limits on whatever funding may be needed to survive this threat. It is for those reasons, that I must oppose this resolution and ask each of you to reconsider what this resolution will do to our most needy, most vulnerable citizens during this Covid19 era. What it will not do, is help those Communities most in need.

Thank you for your time,
Regards,
Walter Wilson

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From: [Serena Alvarez](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joint Public Comment Strongly Urging No Vote on Item 23 (May 12, 2020)
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/s/ **Serena Alvarez, Esq.**, Executive Director, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence* and District Director and State Board Member, *California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) District 14* (Member, Council #3090 Santa Clara)

/s/ **Sylvia Alvarez, J.D.**
Senior Latinx Fellow, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*,
Former Trustee, *Evergreen Elementary School District Board of Trustees* (2002-2018), and
Deputy Director, *California LULAC District 14* (Member, Council #3270 Meadowfair)

/s/ **Michelle Pelayo-Osorio, M.P.A.**
Senior Latinx Fellow, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*, and
State Board Member/Deputy Director for Women, *California LULAC* (Member, Council #3262
Silicon Valley Young Professionals)

/s/ **Salud Barragan**
Senior Latinx Fellow, *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*,
Former Community Assistant, *Katherine Smith School* (95122), and
Council President, *California LULAC Council #3270 Meadowfair*

/s/ **Angel Kelly, M.S.W.**

/s/ **Maritza Maldonado**, Executive Director, *Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment*

/s/ **Salvador "Chava" Bustamante**, Executive Director, *Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)*

/s/ **Jesus Flores**, President and Chief Executive Officer, *Latino Business Foundation Silicon Valley*

/s/ **Dr. David Lopez, Ed.D.**, President Emeritus, *The National Hispanic University*

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Winter Faith Collaborative

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Karen Gillette
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