September 15, 2020

The Honorable Christie Cromeenes, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Salinas
and Members of the Salinas City Council
Salinas City Hall
200 Lincoln Ave
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Deferral of Fees for Temporary Use of Land Permits and Encroachment
Permits Related to Outdoor Restaurant Activities

Dear Mayor Pro Tem Cromeenes and Members of the City Council:

As recognized in the staff report for the September 15, 2020 Salinas City Council agenda item on City-Wide Schedule of Fees and Service Charges, "the current COVID-19 related restrictions on businesses and the community have not gotten better and there is no clear end in sight." Please accept the staff recommendation to defer fee payments for permits related to outdoor restaurant activities until June 30, 2021. The future of the Downtown Vibrancy Plan depends on figuring out ways to keep Downtown businesses in operation.

At some point the city council should consider waiving these permit fees altogether, so that city businesses don't have these fee obligations hanging over them. The city may want to survey other cities in the region to see which ones have waived the fees altogether.

Sincerely,

Frank Saunders
President
Salinas City Center Improvement Association
September 14, 2020

The Honorable Christie Cromeenes, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Salinas
and Members of the Salinas City Council
Salinas City Hall
200 Lincoln Ave
Salinas, CA  93901

Re: Item #20-376 on September 15, 2020 Salinas City Council Meeting Agenda - Salinas Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3)

Dear Mayor Pro Tem Cromeenes and Members of the City Council:

Members of the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce have noted with interest the item on the September 15, 2020 city council agenda entitled "Salinas Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3)." While we find the concept to be intriguing and perhaps a solution to city challenges involving stormwater mandates, we also feel that the people of Salinas need more information before our elected representatives authorize the staff to develop a Master Service Agreement.

As stated in the staff report, this proposal "would be the first CBP3 in the State of California, putting Salinas on the forefront of creative stormwater compliance solutions.” The city council and the public should be able to ask questions and discuss this proposal before it proceeds.

In the interests of full transparency, and because this is a novel and complicated matter that requires deeper consideration before approval, we recommend converting the item from an action item to a discussion item, with a vote on the resolution scheduled for the following meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Farmer
President & CEO
Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce

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September 14, 2020

The Honorable Christie Cromeenes, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Salinas
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Salinas City Hall
200 Lincoln Ave
Salinas, CA  93901

Re: Item #20-399 on September 15, 2020 Salinas City Council Meeting Agenda - FY 2020-21 City-Wide Schedule of Fees and Service Charges and City Development Impact Fee Annual Adjustment

Dear Mayor Pro Tem Cromeenes and Members of the City Council:

The Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce supports the staff recommendation on the September 15, 2020 city council meeting agenda to continue to defer fees for Temporary Use of Land Permits and Encroachment Permits related to outdoor restaurant activities through June 30, 2021.

Some Chamber members have indicated they would like to see those fees permanently waived, as other cities in Monterey County have done. The Chamber understands the city’s concern about fiscal stability and hopes that by June 30, 2021 local restaurants and retail merchants will be fully operational and generating substantial income, thus negating concern about business survival. In the meantime, the Chamber appreciates the city’s understanding about difficult economic times resulting from coronavirus public health orders.

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Phone: 831-751-7725
Email: salinaschamber.com
September 14, 2020

Salinas City Council
200 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93906

RE: Support for the Project Homekey Program Application and Proposed Purchase for Good Nite Inn for Transitional & Permanent Supportive Housing for Our Homeless Residents

Dear Salinas City Council,

As the Monterey County Supervisor for District 1 and the Co-Chair of the Lead Me Home Leadership Council (Continuum of Care), I am writing to express my strong support for the Project Homekey Program Application and the proposed purchase of the Good Nite Inn in Salinas to provide 101 units of transitional and permanent supportive housing for our most vulnerable residents. In an effort to better address our homelessness crisis statewide, the State of California made $600 million available to local governments for such projects, but required a very expediated timeline to apply and expend the funds.

The City of Salinas and the County of Monterey staff have collaborated and did exceptional job to get the application submitted by required the timeline. I also commend you, the Salinas City Council, for your leadership in allowing staff to apply for Project Homekey Program funding on August 4. Your actions will now perhaps allow the City of Salinas to draw down millions of dollars to bring a significant number of units to help more of our homeless residents get out of living in our streets and into dignified housing while also receiving critical support services.

With our ongoing homelessness crisis in Monterey County and throughout California, I stand with you and offer my ongoing support to continue realizing effective strategies and solutions that will help us improve the lives of our poorest residents in our community with dignity and compassion. I respectfully urge you to approve entering into Exclusive Negotiations Rights Agreement (ENRA) for the purchase of the Good Nite Inn at 545 Work Street in Salinas.

[Signature]

Luis A. Alejo
Monterey County Supervisor, District 1
Co-Chair, Lead Me Home Leadership Council (Continuum of Care)
I find it very encouraging to see the City moving forward on a project like this. Assembling the needed information and partners prior to the tight deadlines is a significant accomplishment, and I believe this is an effective use of the Good Nite Inn. Thank you to all parties for making this happen and it is my hope this will position us favorably for grant consideration and award.

Adding 100+ units of supportive housing is a great accomplishment and I sincerely hope the grant is awarded as we would like, so this project can move forward. The location is perhaps not ideal, but at least positioned with basic needs and transportation accessible via public transportation or within walking distance to allow access to needs which are not addressed onsite.

Nona Childress
Salinas CA 93901
I am the wife of a Green Beret and my son has most likely lost the chance to be a 3rd Generation Green Beret due to mold poisoning in a home managed by Corvias. Across the nation military families are suffering in Corvias homes with no recourse, while Corvias CEO buys privates estates and golf courses across the world. Do a simple Google search of the company and you will see lawsuits, a violation of the clean water act as well as Senate and House hearings all due to Corvias's abuse. They are profits over people, I urge you to not give the company a dime and to protect your citizens from Corvias. Thank you,
Leigh Tuttle
Hello,

My name is Tamara Terry. I am a military spouse and a founder for a military housing nonprofit, MMAC. I’m writing today in regards to the pending contract with the Pincerne owned company, Corvias. With the sincerest heart, I beg you not to subject any constituents or citizens to the negligent and abhorrent conditions that Corvias allows and maintains in their housing and complexes. Please allow me to take you on my family’s complex journey with this company. In 2018 I married a man who is enlisted as an infantryman for the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC. We moved into a home on post, managed by Corvias, formerly known as Picerne LLC. Within the year that we lived in the home my family experienced multiple maintenance issues and medical problems. Diagnosis ranging from hashimotos disease, apnea, asthma, all the way to episodes of anxiety induced by toxic mold exposure. Tooth and nail I fought to move my family into livable conditions. It took reaching out to the SASC and federal IG at the pentagon themselves to get results. It took my getting on facebook and recording my interactions for the world to see and calling the news to get results. We moved to another home on post where we continued to experience problems. Some would say, why didn’t you move off post? The answer to that question is very simple. Corvias makes it a point to take advance money from soldiers paychecks for the following month, disallowing you from breaking the lease agreement without another full months worth of BAH, and essentially leaving you in months worth of debt just to move your family into livable conditions. The things I’ve seen are, not only despicable, but absolutely traumatizing. I became pregnant while living in these homes to a child who now has terminal liver disease caused by a mutated gene passed down from myself which was a result of the toxic housing conditions. PLEASE do not sign into contract with this company. Billionaires like John Picerne do not care about the conditions of living for the common man. Signing a contract with the knowledge I’m leaving you with, in my opinion, would be absolutely overlooking a wolf in sheep’s clothing. I truly hope that you consider this email and weigh it heavily.

Tamara Terry

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Mayor Cromeenes and Councilmembers:

I have been a small business owner in Salinas since 2018. We are in an unprecedented time struggling to survive this pandemic and economic recession. I am encouraged by several small businesses across Salinas who have worked hard to find creative ways to continue operating including expanding to create outdoor dining opportunities where possible. I support staff’s recommendation to defer the temporary landuse and encroachment fees that these businesses would have to incur at this time. I further support the full waiver of these fees until it is more clear that our City’s business community has recovered and reached a more stable condition. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Orlando Osornio
Owner
Tortas al 100
Hello,

My name is Reiko Sakai and I am a pediatrician in Salinas. As the three-month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people, and especially our children. Salinas Police Department receives 45%—almost half—of our entire budget, while only 8% is invested into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This lack of investment in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease and prevent crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

Continuing to uphold the spending status quo supports a structure of institutional oppression and violence. We have a unique opportunity to redesign the way we address homelessness, drug addiction, domestic and sexual violence, and poverty, by uplifting healing. In this way, we empower instead of criminalize, and connect instead of divide.

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Thank you for taking my comment.

In community,

Reiko Sakai, MD
Pediatric Hospitalist
Hello,

My name is Nereida Oliva and I am a concerned community member. As the three-month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our entire budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice. Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

I have no doubt you are all aware of the city’s issues that include access to food, housing, healthcare etc. It is time that the city prioritizes its residents and moved toward providing them resources and opportunities they deserve.

This is not the time to jeopardize this city’s residents humanity and dignity. Allocating almost half of the city’s budget to police is unjust and negligent. Do you all now know the history of policing? If not, I encourage you all to do your research.

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In community,
Nereida Oliva651
Salinas City Council,

My name is Becky, and I am a life-long resident of Salinas, currently in District 3.

This is the second time I urge the City Council to *reimagine* and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people.

Right now - only 8 cents out of every dollar is being spent on Library and Community Services. Only 4 cents out of every dollar on Community Development.

Surely Salinas can do better than this? This lack of funding is a grave injustice.

Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

If the goal is to reduce crime, our public funds would be more effectively and more economically spent if they were invested into Community Development.

I hope the City Council makes the right choice and moves more funding towards Library and Community Services and Community Development.

Thank you for your consideration,

Becky Monarrez

Salinas Resident
District 3
Hello,

My name is Mariah and I am a resident of Salinas. As the three month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our entire budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice. Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

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In community,

Mariah Garcia
(831) 235-8306
garciamariah147@yahoo.com
Hello,

My name is Citlali Mendoza and I am a resident of Salinas. As the three month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our entire budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice. Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

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In community,
Citlali Mendoza
She/Her/Ella
Hello,

My name is Charisse Cailles, and I am a resident of Salinas. As the three month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our entire budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice. Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

Continuing to uphold the spending status quo supports a structure of institutional oppression and violence. Change is long overdue. We have a unique opportunity to redesign the way we address homelessness, drug addiction, domestic and sexual violence, and poverty, by uplifting healing. All of the people of Salinas, especially the folks affected by these hardships, will benefit from a change in reallocation of funding. People living in said conditions already suffer immensely, and by no means do they deserve to struggle even more. In this way, we empower instead of criminalize, and connect instead of divide. Everyone is deserving of a healthy wellbeing.

In light of the national movement sparked by the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others, influenced by generations of police brutality, the prison industrial complex, and systemic racism that pervades our nation and our own city, we demand a 15% reduction of SPD’s allocation (limiting it to no more than 30% of the overall budget) and investing that money into Youth Services, Housing, and the Community Development, Engagement, and Services divisions, and the funding of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan and the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Plan.

In community,
Charisse Cailles
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In community,
Elizabeth Whitfield
Hello,

I would love some of the SPD (currently 45%) of our budget to go to social services. Especially the Cesar Chavez Library located in East Salinas. Many of the students living in the East Side use this library as a resource. As an East Salinas native, I used this library when I was in middle and high school. Thanks to this library I was able to learn how to file my own taxes and had access to their printing services.

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I would also love for some of that funding to be reallocated for a community fridge. Especially since SPD removed the one that was provided by the community. Providing food/meals for the houseless population 3 times a week is not enough.

Can you please start investing that money into Youth Services, Housing, and the Community Development, Engagement, and Services divisions, and the funding of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan and the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Plan.

In community,
Noemi

Sent from my iPhone
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In community,
Brisa Perez
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In community,
[YOUR NAME]
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Robert Garcia
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In community,
Selena Gonzalez

Sent from my iPhone
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In community,
Alejandro Curiel

Sent from my iPhone
Hello,

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In community,
Anacurita Mallari
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In community,

Mariah Garcia
(831) 235-8306
garciamariah147@yahoo.com
Hello,

My name is Mateos and I am a resident of Salinas. With the budget meeting approaching, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our entire budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice and perpetuates already existing systemic problems that are already present in our society.

I demand a 15% reduction of SPD’s allocation (limiting it to no more than 30% of the overall budget) and investing that money into Youth Services, Housing, and the Community Development, Engagement, and Services divisions, and the funding of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan and the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Plan. With this we can create numerous more opportunities for our youth and many other communities.

In community,

Mateos Lozano
Hello,

My name is Ariel and I am a resident of Salinas. As the three month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to reimagine and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our entire budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice. Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

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In community,
Ariel A. Garcia
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In community,
Eliana Coronel
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In community,
[YOUR NAME]

Sent from my iPhone
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In community,
Anna Dominno-Cailles
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In community,
Ricardo Camarena

Sent from my iPhone
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In community,
Alyssa Osorio
Hello,

My name is Maricella Gómez. I reside in Salinas, CA. My alma matter is CSUMB and I was born and raised here in the Salinas Valley. As the three month budget review deadline approaches, I urge the City Council to think of a different manner to frame and transform our city budget to reflect the values and needs of our people. The current structure and divvying up is not working for our people and the statistics demonstrate that. Salinas Police Department hoards 45%—almost half—of our the complete budget while you have chosen to invest only 8% into the Library and Community Services divisions, and a mere 4% into Community Development. This is a grave injustice. And completely unacceptable. Not investing in public services fails to address the most effective strategies proven to decrease crime: social supports for our most marginalized populations.

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For the collective good,
Maricella Gómez