

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS II**  
**Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa**  
**Regular Meeting**

**May 5, 2020**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:**

**EVENING SESSION:**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Email from Kendra Bruno received on May 5, 2020.\*

**12. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:**

**12.A. Transition to District-Based Elections for Councilmembers.**

- Email from Scott Rafferty received on May 5, 2020.\*

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**13.A. Budget Workshop for FY 2020/21**

- Email from Frances Knapczyk received on May 5, 2020.\*
- Email from Garrett Brown received on May 5, 2020.\*
- Email from Kasey Lyons received on May 5, 2020.\*
- Email from J Z received on May 5, 2020.
- Email from Lisa Cody received on May 5, 2020.\*
- Email from Paulette Cooper received on May 5, 2020.\*

***\*EMAILS READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF DURING THE MEETING.***

**City Council Meeting  
5/5/2020  
Supplemental II - 11 Public Comment  
From: Kendra Bruno**

From: **Kendra Bruno** [REDACTED]  
Date: Tue, May 5, 2020 at 10:20 AM  
Subject: City Council Meeting (5/5) More Interactive Choices  
To: <[clerk@cityofnapa.org](mailto:clerk@cityofnapa.org)>

Good Morning City Clerk,

Could you please read the following comment at the City Council meeting tonight during open comments:

*Hi my name is Kendra. I live in Napa and am one of your City Employees. My position is Waste Prevention Specialist for the Recycling Division. I respectfully request that by the time of your next City Council that the meetings become interactive for all those watching and wishing to participate – a step further than just emailing in our questions before hand or asking to be called for a voice comment to the City Clerk, like the County Board of Supervisors meeting.*

*Just this morning, the County Board of Supervisors meeting was offered through channel 28, listening on the phone, and watching via the internet on zoom -- something I would hope the City Council would move forward with.*

*The County of Napa also allows for Call ins during the meeting and not needed to be requested prior to the meeting.*

*We know you are working hard in this unprecedented situation, but the current process of holding the meetings is stale and does not sufficiently engage your constituents. Your workforce is being asked to engage in Concession Talks and layoffs are looming. We need and deserve a process that lets us engage with you and for our voices to be adequately heard.*

*Thank you for your time.*

*Kendra Bruno*

**City Council Meeting  
5/5/2020  
Supplemental II - 12.A.  
From: Scott Rafferty**

**From:** [Scott Rafferty](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ AMENDED  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:08:25 PM

[EXTERNAL]

[Please add the penultimate sentence, if possible]

Tonight, city of Napa restores district elections after 106 years of at-large voting. I hope that, in time, Mayor Teichel and each of you will look at this reform as a key part of your legacy to the City.

By proceeding this year, when there are two open seats on the council, the council ensures that two new members - elected by district - will participate in redistricting - or in the decision to appoint an independent commission to redistrict.

Napa was the first city to comply with the new Fair Maps Act, which became effective in January. In 2021, cities and counties throughout the state will look to the City of Napa as the pioneer that modeled a number of best practices.

You have also had the benefit of one of the state's most talented demographers, Paul Mitchell, who managed well-attended workshops and presented a variety of maps.

I also want to commend City Clerk Tiffany Carranza, not only for heroic efforts at organizing workshops with full translation, but also for posting every single public map and public comment. And you enjoyed a great wealth of public participation.

City Manager Steve Potter found a calling at the pulpit during the Spanish mass at St. John the Baptist.

I always ask cities and school districts to reach out to Latinos and other minorities at their places of worship, but usually without success. Mr. Potter set a whole new standard.

**MOST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMMEND MY CLIENT FOR REACHING OUT TO THE MOST MARGINALIZED LATINO POPULATIONS IN THE CITY.**

So, congratulations to all for a job well done.

Scott Rafferty



**City Council Meeting**  
**5/5/2020**  
**Supplemental II - 13.A.**  
**From: Frances Knapczyk**

**From:** [Frances Knapczyk](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ -  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:54:32 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Public Comment - Item 13A

Hello, my name is Frances and I live at [REDACTED].

I would like to encourage Council to abandon the option of eliminating our Parks and Rec Department and severely cutting staff positions. Now more than ever, our community needs strong and healthy parks and recreation options. We need free options for getting outside in a safe and healthy way. We need fresh air, green space, and shade, for our mental health, physical health, climate health, and overall quality of life. By eliminating Parks and Rec, it feels that you are expressing that these elements are no longer priorities of the City. By eliminating 50% of the jobs, there is no way that are parks will not suffer tremendously. When tourism returns, a lack of funding for parks and rec will exacerbate the feeling that Napa is not a town for locals.

Respectfully,  
Frances Knapczyk

**City Council Meeting  
5/5/2020  
Supplemental II - 13.A.  
From: Garrett Brown**

**From:** [Garrett M. Brown](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Please read  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:03:35 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

(this is meant for . 133-2020 Budget Workshop for FY 2020/21)

On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 6:55 PM Garrett Brown [REDACTED] wrote:  
Management professionals at the City of Napa seem to be setting a good example of sacrificing personal pay increases and fringe benefits.  
I am concerned that various bargaining groups within the City may feel obligated to resist concessions in order to protect their respective departments.  
In my opinion, the ability of the City to persevere through this downturn relies upon all bargaining groups sacrificing everything they can to avoid layoffs and to maintain the highest level of community services possible.

**City Council Meeting  
5/5/2020  
Supplemental II - 13.A.  
From: Kasey Lyons**

**From:** [Kasey Lyons](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Caitlin Saldanha](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5,2020 MEETING ITEM 13A. Please read  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:50:22 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

This comment is in relation to staff layoffs.

Often times when controversial items are being discussed, the Chamber is filled. Sometimes, the citizens of Napa even overflow into the hallways.

As you know COVID19 has made public interactions EXTREMELY difficult.

With that said, its so easy to assume an empty room is an interpretation that no one cares.

I can assure you...the exact opposite is happening.

In fact, I even have family in the state of Georgia streaming this video very video.

I encourage you all to please imagine this chamber being full. imagine every single seat occupied, even the metal chairs in the hallway.

Please consider not only the facts, slideshows and Staff recommendations you are hearing tonight and future meetings.....but please also IMAGINE SEEING staff faces in front of you...and perhaps even their family's faces.

Please know that the next steps moving forward are very impactful & we thank you for thinking of what is best for the City. though Staff understands the City will not be unscathed financially, but we do hope our leadership will reserve layoffs TRULY as a last resort.

Thank you for your time.

(P.s. Please ask one of the clerks to send you the statistics for how many viewers are tuned in. If there's ever a opportunity to make an impact to large group of people: this is it)

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Thanks,  
Kasey

**City Council Meeting**  
**5/5/2020**  
**Supplemental II - 13.A.**  
**From: City of Napa Employee**

**From:** [jz](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Item 13A question  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:20:50 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Good evening,

The budget forecast is for one year (yr 2020/2021) but I keep hearing that the recovery is going to take longer and slow. What is going to happen to the 2021/2022 budget? Will there be more cuts/reductions?

Thank you  
City of Napa employee

**City Council Meeting  
5/5/2020  
Supplemental II - 13.A.  
From: Lisa Cody**

**From:** [Lisa Cody](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please read  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:43:11 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

I am a researcher with SEIU 1021.

Please ask the finance director to document all unreserved undesignated fund balances in all funds that hold general fund dollars. In the Capital improvement fund alone, there is 8.5 million alone sitting in the unreserved undesignated funds.

Before you make these cuts, please examine these accounts.

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**City Council Meeting**

**5/5/2020**

**Supplemental II - 13.A.**

**From: Paulette Cooper**

**From:** [Paulette Cooper](#)

**To:** [Clerk](#)

**Subject:** Fwd: Comment to Council For May 5,2020 item 13A - Please read

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:41:50 PM

[EXTERNAL]

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paulette Cooper [REDACTED]  
**Date:** May 5, 2020 at 9:36:09 PM PDT  
**To:** [clerk@cityofnapa.org](mailto:clerk@cityofnapa.org)  
**Subject:** Comment to Council For May 5,2020 item 13A - Please read

Good evening Mayor and Council,

As a City of Napa employee, potentially one of the 39 that you are considering laying off, I feel compelled to speak up to remind you that these 39 are people, not numbers. There will be 39 people affected by your decision; 39 people with families; 39 people will lose their jobs, benefits and hope amidst the worst crisis anyone has experienced.

This may not be personal to you but this is VERY personal to each of the 39 people affected.

These dedicated employees, like the rest of the City staff, have worked hard and dedicated themselves to serve this community. This threat of layoffs makes all City of Napa employees feel uncertain about their future. We all wonder who will be next.

Please remember the 39 people. 39 people with families. 39 people anxious for their job security.

Thank you for your time.

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