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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Melissa Meslo

From: Nora Pimentel
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Melissa Meslo
Subject: FW: City Clerk Department Page Comments

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From: The Ojakian <ojakian@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:10 PM
To: Nora Pimentel <NPimentel@SantaClaraCA.gov>
Subject: RE: City Clerk Department Page Comments

Thank you, Ms. Pimentel. Though I will try to attend tonight, to be safe I am forwarding you my comments.

Here they are:

Good evening, my name is Victor Ojakian, and though I co-chair the Santa Clara County's Suicide Prevention Oversight Committee, I am here speaking on behalf of myself, as a suicide preventionist.

I have a dual purpose in communicating tonight. One is to request this City Council agenda and adopt a city suicide prevention policy. The other is to let those listening to this meeting know suicide is preventable and many people in this county work to see individuals do not take their lives.

Counting school districts and cities in Santa Clara County, close to fifty governmental entities have approved a suicide prevention policy. In fact the City of Santa Clara is the only remaining city without this policy, so having this policy is not an anomaly. It is the norm.

A city suicide prevention policy should provide for city staff, but also community residence, needs. Often the City Manager's administration, the community service personnel, and/or police personnel have involvement.

For those unaware, suicide is the leading cause of death in the City of Santa Clara since 2018, dwarfing deaths by homicide and most other causes of death.

Santa Clara County adopted a suicide prevention strategic plan (2010) and has a robust implementation program. Several services/trainings are available with no fee charged. The crisis line number is 1-855-278-4204 and the crisis text line is the prefix word "Renew" 741741

One final comment, suicide prevention is everyone responsibility and, like some other public health matters, an all-hands-on-deck approach is needed.

Thank you and please agenda and approve a city suicide prevention policy.

Victor Ojakian

From: Nora Pimentel [<mailto:NPimentel@SantaClaraCA.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:57 PM
To: ojakian@comcast.net

Subject: FW: City Clerk Department Page Comments

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

You may speak under Public Presentation which comes after the consent calendar, this section is reserved to speak on items that are not on the agenda and you will have 3 minutes, if you are attending in person speakers cards will be located at the front and you may submit it in the box which is right about the speakers cards. You may submit your comment in writing and request that it be read out loud and send it to me. A written petition request (Council Policy 030) is to request the council to agendaize an item to a future meeting. It is at their discretion to agendaize.

I have attached the agenda for tonight, and a Written Petition form.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you

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From: Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 7:40 AM

To: Nora Pimentel <NPimentel@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Deon Sailes <dsailles@Santaclaraca.gov>

Cc: Melissa Meslo <mmeslo@santaclaraca.gov>

Subject: FW: City Clerk Department Page Comments

Importance: High

Received in the CLERK email inbox....

From: The Ojakian <ojakian@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 3:41 PM

To: Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>

Subject: City Clerk Department Page Comments

Dear City Clerk,

Recently I sent an email to each Santa Clara City Councilmember and you about speaking during tomorrow night's City Council Meeting Public Presentation section. I will make a request that the City Council agenda and approve a city suicide prevention policy (CSPP). I have three questions for you. One, how do I get a speaker's card to be recognized? Two, since time for the Public Presentation section is unclear, could I submit my comments in writing for a staff member to read and is there a word limit? Three, and finally, if I want an action for a future agenda, should I submit a Written Petition (Council Policy 030), and how should I do this?

I hope to get a reply before tomorrow night's meeting.

Thank you for your time,

Vic Ojakian