

COUNCIL ITEM REQUEST FORM



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The Council Item Request Form is for members of the City Council to submit written requests to the City Manager's Office for inclusion of an item on a future City Council meeting agenda. At the meeting where the initial written request is heard, discussion should be limited to whether the item should be added to an agenda and a date, not the merit of the item. A majority vote of the City Council is required for the item to be added to future Council meeting agenda for action.

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WRITTEN REQUEST

I, Suds Jain, hereby request that the following item be placed on the City of Santa Clara Council and Authorities Concurrent meeting agenda:

The City has recently been getting a lot of complaints from residents concerning the number of unhoused people living in RVs, cars and along our creeks. To many it seems that the problem is getting worse every day.

On February 10th, 2020 the Governance and Ethics Committee "inquired about restructuring and renaming the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee (HRLC) to a Housing Commission". On Dec 7th, 2020 the Governance and Ethics Committee met again and recommended " Approve the restructuring and renaming of the HRLC and direct staff to bring an ordinance formalizing the Housing Commission for full Council consideration" with several areas of responsibility including: "Study and advance the needs of Santa Clara's unhoused populations, including recommendations to implement plans approved by the County Board of Supervisors to address homelessness in Santa Clara County ". Staff recommended "recommends that the Housing Commission consists of five commissioners that are volunteers and are appointed by the City Council."

I am asking to put on the agenda a discussion of creating a special Ad Hoc committee consisting of residents and representatives of housing advocacy groups to discuss only the issues concerning our unhoused population. This committee would discuss services and housing. At some point this committee could become a standing committee.

**Reference: Council Policy 030 - Adding an Item on the Agenda
Resolution No. 20-8895**