

From: [Amanda Parker-Govea](#)
To: [All at City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Special City Council Meeting - Speaker Card
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:42:37 AM

Dear City Clerk's Office,

I registered to speak at tonight's meeting but am unsure if I did so correctly and to ensure that my message is conveyed in the case that I am unable to join or be heard via the zoom meeting, I would like the below message to be read into the minutes during the general public comments as Amanda Sky Parker-Govea, [REDACTED]. Again, I do wish to speak myself, however, if I am inaudible or unable to connect please read from the below on my behalf.

"With what is going on in our Nation on this Historic Day in January, as both a resident and an employee of the City of South San Francisco I wish to go on record only to express my gratitude to our Councilmembers, their constituents, our employees, and our many applicants. With so much call for change in our world, there is great potential for our sitting Council and its future appointee and I want to thank you for taking this time to fight for us, for our City, and for our people, myself included. As Biden stated in his speech earlier today, please remember how important it is to have empathy, to see life from the walk in someone else's shoes. You represent us and please remember to think of that in your decision making, please remember that as you hear responses this evening. As a lifelong resident, I don't believe that any choices made by our Council are for selfish purposes, but I do call you to think of those that feel they do not have a voice. Think of our residents who are afraid to speak and look to you to find those words. Again, I just want to thank our sitting Council and all of our applicants who represent us and who will represent us, the City of South San Francisco.

Thank you,

Amanda

From: [Russell Lee](#)
To: [All at City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:48:28 AM

Hi, I'm concerned with the fact that community members' questions are only three of the ones slated tonight. We have to fit an entire election year of digging into a candidate's backstory, experience and ideology in the short time length you have set.

There are questions of **financial transparency**: are any of the candidates connected to monied interests in the South City business community?

Housing: are you a renter and/or have been a lifelong advocate of renter protections?

Community: do you have personal connections (friends, family) in every community of SSF, especially the predominantly LatinX east side, as you hope to represent a seat at large?

Questions that are answered by action:

what is the real motive of your candidacy? Ambition? Power? Money? Or is it genuine concern for the people of South San Francisco.

And there are many many more questions that need to be asked by community members, especially those who've felt alienated by the political process, in order for the prospective council member to be as fully "representative" to us as possible.

From: [Marcela Rivera](#)
To: [All at City Clerk's Office](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:42:28 PM

To the current council and candidates:

I hope you are acting in the best interest in the current residents and families in south San Francisco and not just corporations and imagined future residents. There are so many people in SSF who are hurting because of the pandemic, but a lot of these people have been struggling before. How will you support and provide resources for everyone in this city regardless of income, race, and citizenship status.

Marcela