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By Isalia Gallo

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo partnered with the city to offer fire and evacuation victims who have been displaced by the Bay Area lightning complex fires San Jose Care rates to accommodate reduced rates and the support of Black Lives Matter on sidewalks and city buildings like the Santa Clara County Superior Court.

According to an Aug. 21 news release, "We're going to take the high road here. " Liccardo did not make an appearance during these actions and some protestors speculated he left his house before the crowd arrived.

Protesters were encouraged to return home as the march headed back to city hall.

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Protesters left city hall to "shut down" San Pedro Square Market by marching through outdoor dining and voicing "wrongful convictions" and the mistreatment of incarcerated people during the coronavirus pandemic and Bay Area wildfires.

According to a Silicon Valley Chapter Red Cross, it has also provided more than 18,000 meals and snacks plus 9,000 "comfort kits" containing hygiene supplies for those who lost their livelihoods during the fires. The Red Cross stated in the blog that Red Cross teams have helped more than 4,000 people in the Silicon Valley region secure housing through San Jose hotels and received wildlife relief donations and volunteer help from Northern California residents.

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Team San Jose, a company that includes San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau, hotels, arts, labor and venues and promotes San Jose as a destination to stimulate economic development, according to San Jose's official website.

Kerry Adams Hapen, San Jose director of cultural affairs and board member of Team San Jose, said the San Jose Care hotel rates are available at 16 local hotels including AC Hotels, Marriott and Best Western Plus which are offering $99 to $150 per night as opposed to the original price of $150 per night.

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Protesters gather at San Jose City Hall around 6 p.m. Friday with signs and banners calling for justice in the wake of the shooting of Jacob Blake Jr. in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Kina Yim and Matt hold up signs from their truck in front of San Jose City Hall, which is draped in messages supporting the Black Lives Matter movement.

Demonstrators say enough is enough

A demonstrator answers the call for protesters to raise their middle fingers in the air.

A protester raises his fist during Friday’s protest against social injustice in San Pedro Square as the rest of the demonstrators march through the outdoor dining areas.

ABOVE: Protesters march through the outdoor dining area at San Pedro Square, interrupting diners and sharing personal narratives involving police brutality.

BELOW: Queers United In Community Care Medics (QUICC Medics), Human Empowerment Radical Optimism Tent (HERO Tent), South Bay Medics and Solution Bay Area show support to B.L.A.C.K. Outreach San Jose by providing resources to the protesters such as food, water, masks and medical attention.

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Bay Area festival gets virtual revamp

By Olivia Gerber

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The Republican Party has strayed from the path of conservatism and the path of reason. The highly polarized condition of U.S. politics is glaringly obvious going into the 2020 election, where for the Republican Party, a show of power is more significant than a foundation of ideals. The typical conservative policies, support of capitalism and low taxes, are now scarcely the basis of the Republican administration. With no party platform, blatant disregard for scientific evidence and an impeachment on his track record, President Donald Trump has led the party into the weeds of ignorance. This president has succeeded in radicalizing the Republican Party through his unpredicatable and hostile leadership. In comparison to the ideological Republican president, Ronald Reagan, Trump is an illiterate narcissist. Reagan was described in a Jan. 28 article by The Hill as a president who showed strong patriotism and strategic plans to advance American success, patriotism and strategic plans to advance American success. Reagan appointed the first female Supreme Court justice, Sandra Day O’Connor, and during the Iran-Contra affair he ordered full compliance with the investigation, decided to forgo any claims of executive privilege and accepted responsibility. This is a drastic contrast to Trump’s continued degradation of women, exhibited in multiple tweets including one that read, “If Hillary Clinton can’t satisfy her husband what makes you think she can satisfy America,” the defense during the investigation that led to his impeachment. In a Jan. 28 article, the Atlantic reported that the House of Representatives subpoenaed several documents from the executive branch and received no documents in return. His behavior undermined the constitutional authority of both House and Senate members, regardless of party affiliation. Nor, with has the Republican Party ignored Trump’s hostility toward other branches of government, they have also dismissed the fact that Trump was impeached by inviting him to hold office once again. It was not a fever dream to the Senate Judiciary Committee and House of Representatives, adopted two articles of impeachment against Trump: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress — that was real. Much like Trump’s volatile behavior, scientific evidence has been dismissed by the Republican Party. Despite multiple warnings from highly reputable scientists, as reported by the New York Times in a March 12, 2018 article, the presidency is taking little action to protect citizens from climate disasters and scientists warn that natural disasters will worsen without intervention. Clearly there is a disconnect between the current Republican leadership and the past Republican leadership of figures like Theodore Roosevelt, who championed the protection of public lands, or Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the U.S. Forest Service and former president Richard Nixon, who created the Environmental Protection Agency. The chary on top of the dissent of the majority of Republicans is the lack of party for the 2020 election. The Republican National Committee has decided not to formulate a 2020 platform, instead pushing a resolution removing what delegates enacted in 2016, asserting that the morals has transgressed the party, and pledging support for Trump. The resolution offers no real specifics as to goals and ideals of the Republican Party, but essentially conveys a message of, “Whatever Trump says, go.” It continues by rejecting any policies enacted by the Obama-Biden administration and supported by the Democratic National Committee, yet it fails to offer what policies it wishes to implement. Because the Republican National Committee decided to treason the 2018 platform, the resolution includes sections that boldly condone the current president. The party is disorganized, ignorant and a threat to the prosperity of the U.S.
**Athletes Support Black Trans Lives**

By Isalia Gallo

*Staff Writer*

Women’s soccer players from UCSB bled and bosed SJU athletes exercised on Aug. 26 to spread awareness about Black trans lives.

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The pickets, the Masters, the protests, the police violence that usually slams on them and the lockout for hours that have occurred in the past.

The sitting of games, the halting of games, the stoppages of work, or any other meaningful measures to address issues of police accountability, brutality and inaction and take up meaningful measures to address issues of police violence and black trans people.

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