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| 1 | 2/19/19; 3:02PM | Student | San Jose State University | <p>I think that the plan for San Jose State University to expand the local admissions area is a great idea. I am currently a graduate student at the University and although this plan does not affect me or individuals close to me, I think that the expansion would be highly beneficial to bring highly qualified individuals to the school. We have a variety of programs that are highly underrated and not even known about. Previous to attending this school, I got my undergrad in San Francisco and did not know much about San Jose and what it had to offer. I ended up in the area to attain my MBA and have been amazed at all the possibilities that surround me. By bringing in high quality individuals from these "local" areas which we look to expand admissions to, we can shed some light on what we have to offer others and what a great city we live in. The Silicon Valley has tremendous opportunities in front of us with well known companies such as Netflix, Cisco, and Google at our fingertips. It only takes one well known alumni or student with connections to say that they are from San Jose State University to give us more credibility and not be one of the most highly underrated CSU schools.</p> <p>However, I think it is also important that we do not just accept every candidate that applies. By opening up admission and creating this funnel of "local" admission to students creates easier access than others outside of the area. These individuals might take this as an opportunity to just apply as a safety net and not because of it being a great school and area.</p> <p>I have attached an article below from Forbes magazine in addition to my statement above.</p> <p>https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardvedder/2018/12/03/its-location-location-and-location/?fbclid=IwAR2Y3aL1PxxO5QFwx3ctLFBGWFymfsvuExIH-QfWGyPbtSifd30zRml#10370cc57f3f</p> | <p>Thank you so much for sharing this feedback as well as the article. SJSU cannot accept all applicants now as we receive over 50,000 undergraduate applications. We admit approximately 55 to 60% of undergraduate applicants depending on how many students will graduate and how much capacity we have to enroll new students each year. Expanding our local admission area will not expand our enrollment so if we start to receive more applications, we will have to turn away more applicants. I appreciate your feedback. Should you have additional input, please let us know. Thank you.</p> |
| 2 | 2/19/19; 3:12PM | Employee | San Jose State University | <p>By expanding the "local admissions area", how will this affect the mandatory Frosh live-on campus requirement? Currently some of these students from the proposed new "local admissions area" are considered mandatory for living on-campus. Will these students as of fall 2020 no longer be considered required to live on-campus?</p> | <p>Expanding our local admission area doesn't affect the current frosh requirement to live on campus as individuals who graduate from a high school 30 miles or farther from the campus will still be required to live on campus unless they are exempted.</p> |
| 3 | 2/19/19; 4:53PM | Unspecified | University of San Francisco | <p>San Benito County borders Santa Clara county with a high school of predominantly low income families. They should be included in this admission expansion consideration.</p> | <p>We will consider your feedback as part of this process prior to submitting a final proposal to the CSU Chancellor's Office. Consideration would include analysis of application and enrollment data and may involve consultation with other CSU campuses to determine the feasibility of including additional counties in our proposed changes for 2020. While we wish we could include all interested counties, this may not be feasible at this time.</p> <p>We admit and enroll a number of students from outside our local admission area. Students from counties outside the local admission area are still eligible to apply to SJSU if they meet CSU eligibility requirements. Freshmen applicants are ranked in each major based on a combination of GPA and official SAT/ACT scores. Transfer applicants are ranked in each major based on their GPA and coursework for select programs. Students from outside the local admission area are also considered for Spartan Pathways if they apply which is available to applicants who are CSU eligible but did not get admitted to their program.</p> |
| 4 | 2/19/19; 5:01PM | Unspecified | San Jose State University | <p>I don't particularly have an expert opinion on these proposed changes, but I do wonder why the expansion would not include Monterey county? In particular, the Salinas area has demographics that could help address underrepresentation at SJSU, and although CSUMB is nearby, there may be unique programs at SJSU that would serve this population.</p> | <p>The proposed changes do not affect graduate students or applicants to graduate programs in any way.</p> |
| 5 | 2/19/19; 6:00PM | Unspecified | Unspecified | <p>I am interested however I can't attend any meeting. My question is how/if this could possible have an effect on grad. admissions and or students?</p> | <p>Please continue with the current protocol.</p> |
| 6 | 2/20/19; 8:21AM | Staff | San Jose State University | <p>At the Service Desk (formerly IT Help Desk) we get calls from applicants, both transfer and non-transfer. We have some information in our knowledge base on the application process including the supplemental applications. Most questions that do not involve simple access to the application are transferred to the Admissions Department. Should we as a support group for SJSU, continue this protocol or will we be given updated instructions for applicants.</p> | <p>We are sorry to hear that you took two classes that you didn't need your first semester. We are working diligently to post transfer credit earlier as this past summer over 2000 of our 3800 transfers had their transfer credit posted before classes started. Our goal is to continue to increase this number. Thank you for sharing your feedback.</p> |
| 7 | 2/20/19; 10:45PM | Student | San Jose State University | <p>Just finish Transferring credit before transfer student come to sjsu. When I transferred to sjsu. I just took useless 2 classes, cuz you guys didn't transfer my credits from community college until passing 3weeks of that semester.</p> | <p>We are sorry to hear that you took two classes that you didn't need your first semester. We are working diligently to post transfer credit earlier as this past summer over 2000 of our 3800 transfers had their transfer credit posted before classes started. Our goal is to continue to increase this number. Thank you for sharing your feedback.</p> |

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| 8 | 2/26/19; 12:14AM | Student | San Jose State University | <p>Thanks for your proposed admission changes and effort to bring people from around the Bay to SJSU. As a Master of Urban Planning (MUP) student and Downtown Oakland resident I believe that "Expanding the local admission area to increase access to our unique programs for local students." will help bring talent to SJSU and improve the University with new diverse students.</p> <p>I also believe to build a sustainable San Jose and improve the region, the University should invest in transit and other sustainable modes. If the University added BART, Caltrain, Capital Corridor, and Bike Share as subsidized transportation choices for Bay Area students many would take transit. Currently most students are incentivized to drive which although faster, does not provide study time and has proven negative impacts on; health, stress, GHG Emissions, water pollution, air pollution, natural habitats, and has a high yearly death rate.</p> <p>San Jose State University currently does not provide transit benefits outside Santa Clara County for any students. I believe the University would benefit from providing Bay Area public transit access to all students. But if the cost is too high, providing free transit access to San Jose for students outside the County would be a good start.</p> | <p>We will be reviewing the feedback provided to us and considering possible revisions to our initial proposal prior to the final submission due March 15. We appreciate you sharing your concerns about transportation. SJSU does provide student discounts for the ACE train and Highway 17 express but not for BART and Caltrain.</p> |
| 9 | 2/26/19; 10:45AM | Counselor | College of Alameda | <p>As an EOPS counselor at College of Alameda, I wholeheartedly support the proposed change to include more Bay Area counties in the local admissions area. I have many students who choose SJSU as their first choice transfer university, and welcome the increased opportunity for them to transfer to your campus.</p> | |
| 10 | 2/26/19; 5:00PM | Counselor | Monterey Peninsula College | <p>I plan on attending the Public Hearing scheduled on March 4th at SJSU. I am attending with the purpose of making a public comment regarding expansion of the local admissions area. What can do to ensure that I will be able to make my public comment?</p> | <p>Thank you for making your intentions known. We look forward to your participation on the 4th. All members of the public wishing to make comment at the hearing will be given the opportunity to do so during the open comment/questions period following our presentation and I would encourage you to budget time to stay for the entire hearing, which is scheduled to run through 11:30 AM. Please reach out if you have any further questions or require any accommodations.</p> |
| 11 | 2/27/19; 3:27PM | Counselor | Hartnell College | <p>In reviewing San Jose State University's proposal to expand the local admission area, I was shocked to find that Monterey County was not included. Many Hartnell College students seek to transfer to San Jose State University. In fact, SJSU has consistently been the second most popular transfer CSU for our students. In 2017-2018, over 11% of our transfer students enrolled at SJSU. Top majors for students seeking to transfer to SJSU include Engineering, Administration of Justice, and Business. Our local CSU campus, Monterey Bay, does not offer Engineering nor Administration of Justice majors, nor does it offer all of the same concentrations in business, leaving SJSU as the only local CSU campus for Hartnell College students seeking those majors.</p> <p>I am further stunned by the omission of Monterey County from your local admissions area as Hartnell College has a long standing relationship with San Jose State University. For many years prior to the introduction of SB1440, Hartnell College maintained Transfer Admission Agreements with SJSU, which served to facilitate and increase enrollment for SJSU.</p> <p>While the decision to not include Monterey County clearly has a negative impact for Hartnell College students, it also impacts the educational goals of students at Monterey Peninsula College and Monterey County High Schools, including many of the high schools Hartnell College has a close relationship with. We have been discussing the announcement with many of our local schools and have encouraged administrators from those institutions to voice their concerns as well.</p> <p>Salinas, CA appeared in a 2014 Forbes List of "The 10 Most and Least Educated Cities in America" (article can be viewed here). We took No. 2 Least Educated City in America while San Jose, CA appeared as the No. 7 Most Educated City in America. Sure, surveys and lists of these sorts have variables that could produce different results any given time, but the fact is that we remain among the regions with the least amount of resources for our youth to do better. We have enough barriers. Your decision to keep Monterey County out of your local admission area expansion will create yet another barrier for the few students that have the potential to be great leaders in our community through their higher education achievement.</p> <p>I respectfully ask you consider adding Monterey County to your local admissions area. Please let me know if there is any additional information we may provide you to help you make an informed decision to add Monterey County to your local admission area.</p> | <p>We will consider your request as part of this process prior to submitting a final proposal to the CSU Chancellor's Office. Consideration would include analysis of application and enrollment data and may involve consultation with other CSU campuses to determine the feasibility of including additional counties in our proposed changes for 2020. While we wish we could include all interested counties, it may not be feasible at this time.</p> <p>We admit and enroll a number of students from outside our local admission area. Students from counties outside the local admission area are still eligible to apply to SJSU if they meet CSU eligibility requirements. Freshmen applicants will be ranked in each major based on a combination of GPA</p> |

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| 12 | 2/28/19; 2:14PM | Unspecified | Unspecified | <p>I am worried about the current San Jose State University Impaction 2020 plan (http://www.sjsu.edu/impaction2020/).</p> <p>As it currently reads, students in Monterey County will be excluded from SJSU's local admissions area. While I understand that San Jose State is impacted, students in Monterey County should have the same access to SJSU you are providing to the Bay Area students.</p> <p>Our nearest CSU campus at Monterey Bay is a gem in our valley, but San Jose State should remain open to students in Monterey County until CSUMB expands offerings and capacity. SJSU is the second closest CSU to students in Monterey County. Students who live in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo counties have more convenient options at their disposal through CSU East Bay, SFSU, and Sonoma State, which offer countless degree options. If you see a need for these counties to be included in your local admission area, you should also see why Monterey County should be included in your Impaction 2020 proposal.</p> <p>Please consider adding Monterey County to San Jose State University's local admissions area expansion.</p> | <p>be ranked in each major based on a combination of GPA and official SAT/ACT scores. Transfer applicants will be ranked in each major based on their GPA and coursework for select programs. Students from outside the local admission area are also considered for Spartan Pathways if they apply which is available to applicants who are CSU eligible but did not get admitted to their program.</p> |
| 13 | 2/27/19; 3:58PM | Counselor | North Salinas High School | <p>I am worried about the current San Jose State University Impaction plan (http://www.sjsu.edu/impaction2020/). As it currently reads, students in Monterey County will be excluded from SJSU's admissions area.</p> <p>I understand the San Jose State is impacted. Students in Monterey County need access. While CSUMB is a gem, San Jose State should remain open to students in Monterey County until CSUMB expands offerings and capacity. SJSU is the second closest CSU to students in Monterey County. Students who live in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo counties have more convenient options at their disposal (East Bay, SFSU, Sonoma State), with countless degree options. Please keep San Jose State University open to students in Monterey County.</p> | |
| 14 | 2/25/19; 9:17AM | Professor | Evergreen Valley College | <p>EVC currently offers an Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Business Administration. We may need to revise our degree requirements based on the proposed changes to or the addition of supplemental coursework for upper division transfer students. How can our college get the revisions to your requirements so our transfer degree is still valid?</p> | <p>If a student has earned an approved ADT which is a match for the program they are applying for, the ADT supersedes the coursework. The ADT essentially counts the same as the student taking the full list of courses.</p> |
| 15 | 3/4/19; 9:58AM | Counselor | Hartnell College | <p>In reviewing San Jose State University's proposal to expand the local admission area, I was shocked to find that Monterey County was not included. Many Hartnell College students seek to transfer to San Jose State University. In fact, SJSU has consistently been the second most popular transfer CSU for our students, after CSU Monterey Bay. In 2017-2018, over 11% of our transfer students enrolled at SJSU. Top majors for students seeking to transfer to SJSU include Engineering, Administration of Justice, and Business. Our local CSU campus, Monterey Bay, does not offer Engineering nor Administration of Justice majors, nor does it offer all of the same concentrations in business, leaving SJSU as the only local CSU campus for Hartnell College students seeking those majors.</p> <p>I am further stunned by the omission of Monterey County from your local admissions area as Hartnell College has a long-standing relationship with San Jose State University.</p> <p>While the decision to not include Monterey County clearly has a negative impact for Hartnell College students, it also impacts the educational goals of students at Monterey Peninsula College and Monterey County High Schools, including many of the high schools Hartnell College has a close relationship with. We have been discussing the announcement with many of our local schools and have encouraged administrators from those institutions to voice their concerns as well.</p> <p>Salinas, CA, appeared in a 2014 Forbes List of "The 10 Most and Least Educated Cities in America." We took No. 2 Least Educated City in America while San Jose, CA, appeared as the No. 7 Most Educated City in America. Sure, surveys and lists of these sorts have variables that could produce different results any given time, but the fact is that we remain among the regions with the least amount of resources for our youth to do better. We have enough barriers. Your decision to keep Monterey County out of your local admission area expansion will create yet another barrier for the few students that have the potential to be great leaders in our community through their higher education achievement.</p> <p>Please consider adding Monterey County to your local admissions area. Please let me know if there is any additional information we may provide you to help you make an informed decision to add Monterey County to your local admission area.</p> | |

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| 16 | 3/5/19; 5:35PM | Administrator / Executive | Monterey Peninsula College | <p>In reviewing San Jose State University's proposal to expand the local admission area, I was dismayed to find that Monterey County was not included. Many MPC students seek to transfer to San Jose State University. Top majors for students seeking to transfer to SJSU include Engineering, Administration of Justice, and Business. Our local CSU campus, Monterey Bay, does not offer Engineering nor Administration of Justice majors, nor does it offer all of the same concentrations in business, leaving SJSU as the only local CSU campus for MPC students seeking those majors.</p> <p>I am further perplexed by the omission of Monterey County from your local admissions area as MPC has a long-standing relationship with San Jose State University. For many years, MPC maintained Transfer Admission Agreements with SJSU, which was a wonderful benefit to our students and served to increase enrollment for SJSU.</p> <p>While the decision to not include Monterey County clearly has a negative affect for MPC students, it also impacts the educational goals and aspirations of students at Hartnell College and Monterey County High Schools, including many of the high schools MPC has close relations. I have been discussing the announcement with many of our local schools and have encouraged administrators from those institutions to voice their concerns as well.</p> <p>I ask you to, please, consider adding Monterey County to your local admissions area. Let me know if there is any additional information, we may provide you to help you make an informed decision to add Monterey County to your local admission area.</p> | <p>We will consider your feedback as part of this process prior to submitting a final proposal to the CSU Chancellor's Office. Consideration would include analysis of application and enrollment data and may involve consultation with other CSU campuses to determine the feasibility of including additional counties in our proposed changes for 2020. While we wish we could include all interested counties, this may not be feasible at this time.</p> <p>We admit and enroll a number of students from outside our local admission area including 534 undergraduates from Monterey County at this time. Students from counties outside the local admission area are still eligible to apply to SJSU if they meet CSU eligibility requirements. Freshmen applicants are ranked in each major based on a combination of GPA and official SAT/ACT scores. Transfer applicants are ranked in each major based on their GPA and coursework for select programs. Students from outside the local admission area are also considered for Spartan Pathways if they apply which is available to applicants who are CSU eligible but did not get admitted to their program.</p> |
| 17 | 3/6/19; 9:59PM | Lecturer | Gavilan College | <p>Please do not overlook San Benito County when considering expanding the counties whose applicants are awarded local preference. CSUMB, where we do have local preference, is not the right college for all students in Hollister and San Juan Bautista. It is becoming increasingly difficult for our students to leave the area. SJSU can be reached in under an hour and to not have preference there really limits our students' ambitions, particularly in business and engineering. To us at Gavilan College, this is an equity issue for our largely Latino population.</p> <p>San Benito County is growing due to the cost of living in San Jose and the Bay Area; by not giving our students local preference, SJSU is making a decision to exclude students whose families cannot afford to live in San Jose.</p> | |
| 18 | 3/6/19; 4:55PM | Counselor | Monterey Peninsula College | <p>Good afternoon - the Counseling faculty from Monterey Peninsula College is requesting that we be included in the "Local Admissions Area". Please read the attached letter. Thank you!</p> | |
| 19 | 3/8/19; 10:31AM | Administrator / Executive | Hartnell College | <p>In reviewing San Jose State University's proposal to expand the local admission area, it is concerning to find that Monterey County is not included. SJSU has consistently been the second most popular transfer CSU campus for our students. In 2017-2018, 13% of our transfer students enrolled at SJSU. Top majors for students seeking to transfer to SJSU include Engineering, Administration of Justice, and Business. Our local CSU campus, Monterey Bay, does not offer Engineering or Administration of Justice and does not offer all of the concentrations in Business that SJSU offers. As such, SJSU is the only option for local students in those majors.</p> <p>We are concerned about the omission of Monterey County from your local admissions area given our long standing relationship with San Jose State University. For many years prior to the introduction of SB 1440, Hartnell College maintained Transfer Admission Agreements with SJSU, which served to facilitate transfer to SJSU.</p> <p>While the decision to exclude Monterey County clearly has a negative impact for hundreds of Hartnell College students, it also negatively impacts the educational goals of students at Monterey Peninsula College and Monterey County High Schools, including those in the Hartnell Community College District. Many of our local high schools partners have expressed their concerns and are planning to make their voices heard.</p> <p>The city of Salinas appeared in a 2014 Forbes List of "The 10 Most and Least Educated Cities in America" (article can be viewed here). Salinas was No. 2 on the list of Least Educated City in America while San Jose appeared as the No. 7 Most Educated City in America. Our students already have plenty of socioeconomic barriers in pursuing a higher education. Many are unable to "go away" to college as a result of economic hardship. We know that many attend SJSU and are able to remain at home while attending. Your decision to keep Monterey County out of your local admission area expansion will create yet another barrier for students who already face tremendous hurdles in pursuing higher education.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that you reconsider and add Monterey County to your local admissions area. Please let me know if there is any additional information we can provide to help you make an informed decision in adding Monterey County to your local admission area.</p> | |

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| 20 | 3/8/19; 11:31AM | Counselor | De Anza College | <p>As a community college counselor (working at Mission and De Anza) for over 14 years with the last two as a Transfer Counselor, I have witnessed the dramatic changes that have occurred in admission to SJSU due to impaction. I believe expanding the Local Admission Area for SJSU would negatively impact the students in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties – unnecessarily! Each year, counselors and students anxiously await the impaction report as many majors have higher GPA thresholds and some majors seem out of reach for many students.</p> <p>By expanding SJSU's Local Admissions Area, you will be lowering the number of spaces available for current local students – including many first generation college students that don't have the option of moving out of the area for college. Please preserve the access that students in Santa Clara County have to a CSU education!</p> |
| 21 | 3/8/19; 7:01PM | Faculty | De Anza College | <p>As the De Anza College Academic Senate President, full-time English faculty, and San Francisco resident, I am dismayed to hear that you are considering expanding your local admission area and also offering the GPA "bump" to students from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. This would be an unfair impact on students from Santa Clara county, who are the true "local" students in proximity to SJSU.</p> <p>Even though my own child living in San Francisco would benefit from this bump, I think it is unfair to Santa Clara county students, because SJSU is already an impacted CSU. There are already many local students in Santa Clara county who are turned away. Most of our transfer-bound students at De Anza College are also Santa Clara county, and even more specifically, San Jose residents. Many of them may not be able to even attend a 4-year university if they cannot attend SJSU because they cannot absorb the financial cost of relocation and living outside of their current homes. This is definitely an equity issue, not just a class inequity, but also a racial/ethnic inequity as many Latinx and Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander, students with disabilities, and other underrepresented students who are residents of Santa Clara county would be negatively impacted.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision and NOT expand your local admission area beyond what it currently is.</p> |
| 22 | 3/12/19; 10:12AM | Staff | De Anza College | <p>I am reaching out to you with outrage and disappointment that your administration is considering expanding your local admission area and also offering the GPA "bump" to students from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.</p> <p>As a SJSU Alumni, sister to another SJSU Alumni, sister and an aunt to potential SJSU students, I am truly in awe of the disconnect between the administration vision for recruitment and enrollment and the county in other words, the local community. Santa Clara County is a place where over 120 languages are spoken, people come from all over the world for Silicon Valley's innovation and economic opportunity, which include's SJSU's commitment to rise up to the occasion and prepare students for those 21st century industries and jobs. San Jose, in particular is where residents do their hardest to build roots, including my family, where there are at least 2 generations already invested in SJSU as our "family college." The college is also a place of history making in women's studies, ethnic studies, an incubator for creativity through the college of engineering, and a large contributor to the south bay economic engine as one of the biggest employers, etc.</p> <p>Working class students and their families lean on you, SJSU, to be the place where we can place our academic goals and use it as a stepping stone towards our dream careers. It is an educational institution preparing us to go into the world ready to work, be self realized and contribute financially and resourcefully back to our alma mater and the world. This admission expansion would certainly negatively impact the dreams of students belonging to the robust and vibrant communities of Latinx, Pilipino, Vietnamese descent, and not limited to students with disabilities, lgbtq identified, daca mented and so on. This considering would also cause disenfranchisement to the residents of Santa Clara county, potential SJSU students of this county, many of whom are dependent on SJSU for that local pipeline for any hope of "making it" into a 4 year institution.</p> <p>Please consider a more collaborative process to meet your organizational and the community's vision that is intentionally and consciously inclusive of historical oppressed communities and that is thoughtful of setting up the local pipeline for student success, one where generations of students can thrive in their professional careers and can say it was "because of SJSU."</p> |

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| 23 | 3/12/19; 10:15AM | Faculty | De Anza College | <p>I recently learned of the proposal to expand the local admission area and offer a GPA "bump" to students from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and wanted to express to you how incredibly damaging this would be to the students of Santa Clara county. I have taught undergraduate Sociology courses for the past 15 years with the Foothill De Anza College district. The majority of our students apply for transfer to San Jose State University because it is the most economically accessible institution that will help them advance in their pursuit of higher education. I teach mostly first generation students of color who are also low income. The majority of my students would find the costs associated with relocating to another city to pursue an undergraduate degree cost-prohibitive and would most likely delay this pursuit indefinitely or permanently, to the detriment of the communities that make up Santa Clara county.</p> <p>Expanding the admissions area to the counties listed above with a GPA bump would disproportionately impact our most vulnerable students, for whom higher education is an absolute necessity for living in this valley and lifting themselves and their families out of poverty. I also question the wisdom of enacting such a policy change when the University is already impacted across various undergraduate areas of study, making it difficult as it is for students from Santa Clara county to transfer to San Jose State University.</p> <p>The Administration of San Jose State University needs to understand that expanding the admissions area would disproportionately impact, poor and low income students, Latinx students, students who are undocumented, students with disabilities, Filipinx and South East Asian students, and other underrepresented student communities whose families have sacrificed and struggled so much to support their children in their pursuit of higher education.</p> <p>As an educator in Santa Clara county, and on behalf of my students, please do not expand the Admissions area beyond what is already the case.</p> |
| 24 | 3/12/19; 12:04PM | Student | De Anza College | <p>I am a Nursing Major at De Anza College and I plan to transfer to San Jose State University after receiving my Associates in Nursing. I will be transferring after 2020 and I've looked forward to continuing my education at SJSU. Expanding the admissions rate will effect me, along with many local residents who rely on being prioritized by SJSU. Because living expenses are impossible in the silicon Valley, local residents live at home and benefit from San Jose Sate University being a commuter school.</p> |
| 25 | 3/12/19; 12:18PM | Faculty | De Anza College | <p>I understand that SJSU is proposing expanding the GPA bump for transfer degree students to the entire Bay Area. This is not helpful to Santa Clara county students pursuing their education at De Anza College where I teach. In particular, lower income students who need to live at home may find it difficult and time-consuming to commute to another campus (SFSU, CSU EB) in pursuit of their Bachelors degree. (We need to consider that these students are also juggling employers' demands.) Since SJSU is excellent and is very impacted, it is already challenging for local students to get in to SJSU. Please don't further distance the dream of education and economic mobility from Santa Clara students. The gap between "the haves" and "the have nots" is already too large in Santa Clara County.</p> <p>At a minimum, please consider excluding the Business programs since SFSU and CSU EB both have business degree programs of their own, accessible and available to local students in those counties.</p> |
| 26 | 3/12/19; 12:40PM | Counselor | De Anza College | <p>As a counselor and coordinator for the De Anza College Puente Project, a program designed to increase the number of students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds who transfer to four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders, I am writing to advocate against the decision to expand the SJSU local admission area to include Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.</p> <p>The vast majority of the students I serve, are first-generation, students of color, from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who currently reside in the city of San Jose and DO NOT have the means to relocate to pursue higher education elsewhere. Moving forward with this decision will be detrimental to many students who have traditionally been marginalized and who currently view SJSU as a great and viable transfer option.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision and not expand your local admission area.</p> |
| 27 | 3/12/19; 4:58PM | Faculty | De Anza College | <p>Expanding the local admission area is not right. It will make it harder for students in the current admission area to gain admission, which is inequitable and unjust.</p> |

We appreciate your feedback and comments during this public hearing period as San José State University considers changes to its admissions policy. Thank you for taking the time to contact us about the potential impact to Santa Clara County students.

While an expanded local admission area will provide a GPA bump to students beyond Santa Clara County, the university remains committed to serving Santa Clara County school districts and community colleges in both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. We will continue to offer outreach and recruitment programs such as college fairs; high school and community college visits; the Advancing Latinx Achievement & Success (ALAS) Conference, African American Student Success Summits; and College Day. Additionally, through Spartan Pathways, we commit each year to provide holistic admissions review to 100-150 students who are CSU eligible but do not meet admissions criteria for their primary majors are admitted each year. SJSU will continue to offer our Spartan East Side Promise, a partnership with the East Side Union High School District which includes an admission guarantee to applicants from the district who meet a 3300 eligibility index as well as fulfill all admission and enrollment requirements.

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| 28 | 3/12/19; 10:50PM | Unspecified | | <p>I have recently been informed of SJSU's intention to expand the local admission area to 4 new counties. SJSU is already an extremely impacted school, many of its student who live within the area are forced to take courses at a local community college to graduate as soon as possible. State schools were meant to contribute to the local area, as a means to provide continuing education to middle-lower socioeconomic families. Many individuals who attend SJSU don't have the means to attend a university outside the direct area, as costs are high. Please don't forget who these state school are meant for.</p> |
| 29 | 3/13/19; 3:24PM | Instructor | De Anza College | <p>As a community college instructor in Santa Clara County, I strongly oppose the plan to expand the local admissions area to include other counties outside of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz. Students in Santa Clara are already experiencing the difficulties of completing a four year degree due to the impaction of courses at both CCCs in the area and that of SJSU. The plan to expand to include even more students as "local" and give students from far flung parts of the Bay Area equal transfer status will only make impaction worse. Please consider, also, the mission statements of Community Colleges, which transfer students into the UC system. We are here to serve out local communities, and I believe efforts to do just that have been slipping recently. This proposal is misguided and is not in the best interest of students.</p> |
| 30 | 3/14/19; 12:12AM | Staff | De Anza College | <p>I urge you to reconsider the proposed expansion to San Jose State's Local Admissions Area because of the negative impact it will have on Santa Clara County transfer students. While students in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties have a non-impacted CSU campus in close proximity, students in Santa Clara County must face the challenge of gaining admission to a fully-impacted regional campus. The GPA bump reserved for Santa Clara (and Santa Cruz) County students off-sets this challenge, and has allowed many who would not be competitive otherwise to compete for spaces at their regional CSU campus, San Jose State.</p> <p>I fear if the GPA bump is given to students from all six counties, many Santa Clara students will be edged out of the admission process. And those that cannot travel up to CSU East Bay or San Francisco State will not be able to continue their education as planned. Unlike Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo students, Santa Clara students in this situation won't have options and will most likely put their education on hold or drop out entirely.</p> <p>Though the Spartan Pathways Program provides access to students who do not meet admission criteria, since it's open to applicants outside of Santa Clara County and is limited to 100 - 150 students each year, I don't believe it will make up for the overall impact the Local Admissions Area expansion will have on our students.</p> <p>I'm aware San Jose State will continue to offer outreach and recruitment programs to Santa Clara County colleges/students, but those efforts may be for naught if our students are not able to compete for spaces at San Jose State. Regardless of intent, admissions is about GPA and preparation for major, the focus of your Impaction 2020 proposal, and I fear Santa Clara County students will be severely impacted in 2020.</p> <p>Please reconsider your proposal. Thank you.</p> |
| 31 | 3/14/19; 12:09 PM | Student | San Jose State University | <p>Good afternoon, I believe allowing a bump in the GPA for even more students in the Bay area would be highly unfair to freshman and transfer students who put in just as much work so that they can be eligible to attend SJSU. This would also boot out more students from different parts of California, as well as other states from being able to attend SJSU, making the community less culturally diverse. I myself am from Los Angeles and was admitted by a thread. When I speak to students from Santa Clara about high school grades it seems as if they were only admitted because they were given that GPA boost. Students from other areas are working very hard to attend SJSU, and allowing more areas to receive a boost in GPA allows people who do not care much about their spot at SJSU to attend while others are working twice as hard to be admitted to their dream school which is SJSU.</p> |
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