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As you are probably are aware, the San Jose Peace Center has bought a house at 48 South 7th Street, located between San Fernando St. and Santa Clara St. in downtown San Jose. This spacious, two story house will serve as a wonderful center for our peace activities. We spent a year and a half searching for the right building --- only this one was ideal for our needs.

Recently, we applied to the Planning Department of the City of San Jose to rezone the site to allow us to remain there permanently.

In order to ensure that this rezoning is approved, we need your help. Will you write a letter to Councilperson Susan Hammer expressing support for the work of the San Jose Peace Center and support for our being in this location?

Some reasons why we feel we're so important to the greater San Jose community, and to the downtown area in particular, are:

* * We're the oldest peace center in California and one of the oldest in the country. We are a historic entity of which San Jose can be proud.

* * We are the only resource center on peace and nonviolence serving most of Santa Clara County. Our resources include a monthly newsletter, audiovisuals, a book library, literature and book sales, speakers' bureau, international guest speakers, a high school outreach program on militarism and the draft, training programs in nonviolence and consensus, etc.

* * The house will be named "Collins House" in honor of Reverend George "Shorty" and Evelyn Collins, and will carry on their lives' work.

* * The house will provide meeting and office space to other community groups.

* * The San Jose Peace Center has been located in downtown for 30 years. It was founded in 1957 in a downtown house.

* * The Peace Center needs to be near SJSU as a resource center for students and teachers. For years, we've done presentations and events at SJSU. We founded SJSU Students for Peace. For the last 10 years we've been located within 2 blocks of the campus.

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Thank you so much for your support. Please let us know how we can be of service to you.

For peace and justice,

San Jose Peace Center
Coordinating Council Member

P.S. Saturday, January 24th, 1987 is the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there.