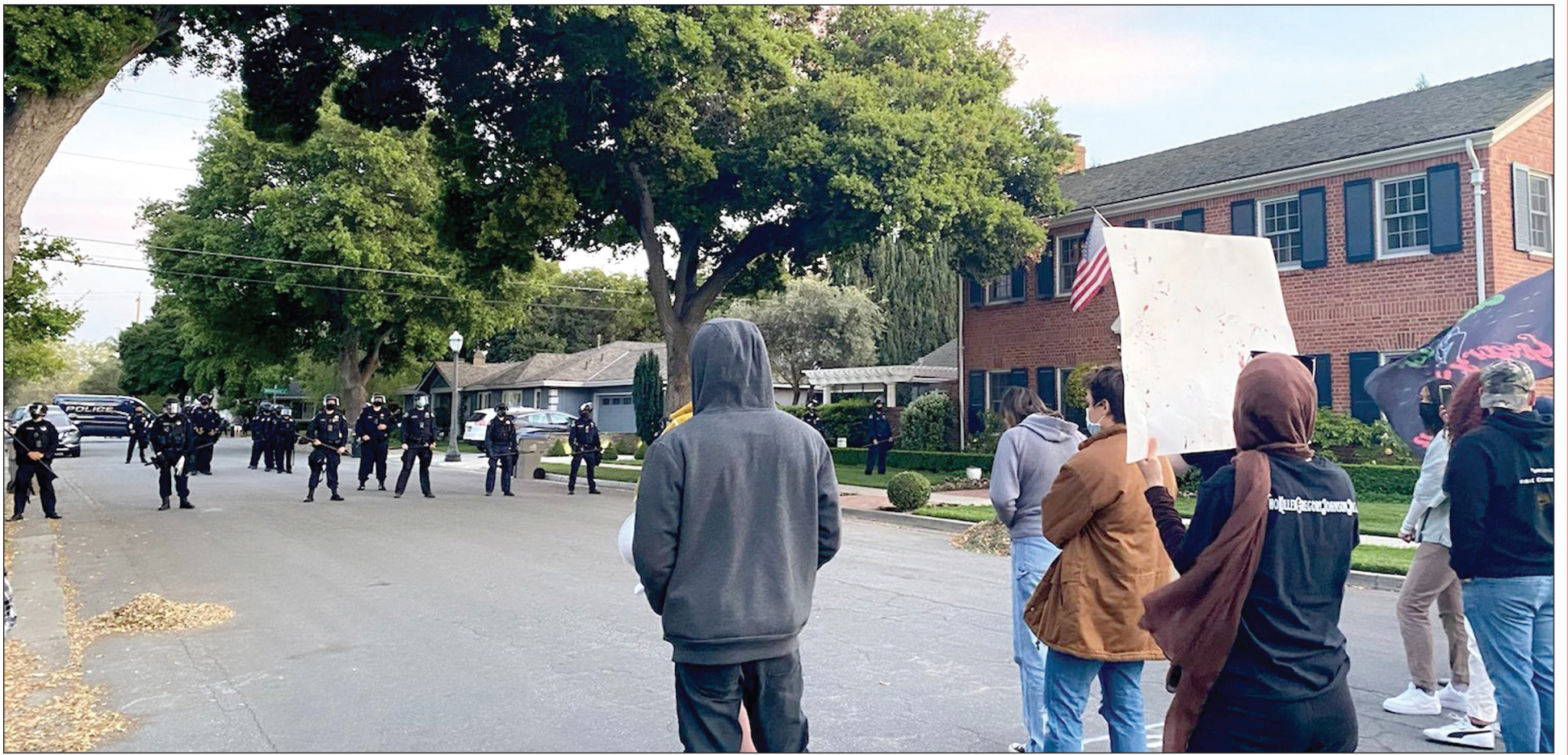


Protest halts at Papazian's house



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San Jose police officers block the house of San Jose State President Mary Papazian on University Way during a Sunday march that began at San Jose's Municipal Rose Garden.

By Madilynne Medina
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 30 protesters marched through San Jose State President Mary Papazian's neighborhood on Sunday to object to SJSU's treatment and response to the death of Gregory Johnson Jr.

Johnson was a 20-year-old SJSU student who was found dead in the basement of the Sigma Chi fraternity house in 2008.

The University Police Department and Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office ruled

the case a suicide, according to the coroner's office autopsy report. However 13 years later, the Johnson family and many community supporters believe Johnson's death was a hate crime and have called on reopening the investigation.

San Jose activist groups Human Empowerment Radical Optimism (H.E.R.O.) Tent and Black Liberation and Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) Outreach partnered with the Johnson family for the rally in an effort to reprimand Papazian for her absence at a Feb. 24 Associated

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She doesn't want to have the conversation even though the family has been pleading her to admit that it was a murder [and a] hate crime.

Ilesh Busarelo

Chicana and Chicano studies senior

Students Board of Directors meeting.

The event began at 4 p.m. at San Jose's Municipal Rose Garden where supporters, advocates and the Johnson family held a barbecue before marching toward Papazian's residence at 7 p.m.

Protesters were met by more than 20 San Jose police officers who stood with batons and shields outside Papazian's home on University Way and didn't allow protesters within 300 feet of the residence.

Lines were drawn around the

perimeter of the area and police said anyone who attempted to cross the boundary was subject to arrest.

Lou Dimes, president of B.L.A.C.K. Outreach, voiced his frustration as he told officers there was no indication that B.L.A.C.K. Outreach or the organization Justice for Gregory Johnson were targeting a specific home on social media.

An officer told Dimes that protesting is an American right, but there is a law in the City of

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Nutritional science junior Nina Chuang (left) and rally speaker Sera Fernando (right) lead a rally at the San Jose State campus Friday to march in solidarity with the Asian Pacific Islander Desi/American community.

Local leaders protest anti-Asian violence

By Yami Sun
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In an effort to raise awareness about systemic racism against members of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi/American (APID/A) community, more than 30 people gathered outside San Jose State on Fourth Street Friday.

Nutritional science junior Nina Chuang said she organized "Not your Thirty Four" rally to

discuss SJSU's lack of education on hate and violence toward the APID/A community.

"I see that on [SJSU] campus we don't really have many instances where our community really comes together and speaks with one voice," Chuang said.

The rally's title was inspired by SJSU's 34% Asian American student enrollment, according to Chuang's website about the rally.

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People who I've never met before have my back and are willing to stand up for me and protect me.

Alex Spielmann

De Anza College student

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Conservative tour comes to San Jose

By Laura Fields
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San Jose State's chapter of Turning Point USA hosted the second to last stop of a nationwide speaking tour featuring the organization's founder.

The event took place on Thursday at the packed Christian Calvary Chapel in the Blossom Hill neighborhood.

Charlie Kirk, an Illinois conservative activist, founded and directs Turning Point USA. The group is a national conservative student organization that organizes and empowers students to promote the principles of free market and limited government, according to its website.

In the "Gen Free Tour," Kirk highlighted First Amendment freedoms within the U.S. government.

Noel Smith, a communicative disorders senior and president of SJSU's Turning Point USA chapter, said she appreciated Kirk's conservative perspective.

"In a time where there's a lot of turmoil and not much discussion, I think having Charlie Kirk and this event is a great way to have conservative voices heard," Smith said.

San Jose was the only Northern California stop on the tour.

Calvary Chapel held nearly 1,500 attendees in which many were maskless. In response to

the maskless crowd, Smith said "because it's a private property, I don't have say over it."

Local businesses with conservative values tabled outside the entrance of the chapel and participants were clad in purple shirts emblazoned with the "Gen Free Tour" motto.

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At the start of the event, brief introductions were made by Neil Mammen from "Every Black Life Matters," a local activist group that protects Black lives "from womb to natural death," according to its website.

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