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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
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FROM: Debra Figone

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

City of San Jose Receives \$8.8 Million from the DOE ARRA Block Grant for Energy Efficiency and Conservation—On December 20, the Department of Energy awarded the City \$8.8 million for its ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. \$4.4M will be available immediately and the rest will be received as reimbursement for work done. The City's June, 2009 application focused on Energy Efficiency Activities at City facilities, LED streetlight installations, and solar for municipal facilities and the community. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Dick, Manager, Office of Sustainability, at 535-8555.

City of San Jose Receives \$1.1 Million from DOE Solar American Cities Grant—On January 5, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) awarded Solar America Cities grant funds to the City for seven solar projects – the largest number awarded to any city in the nation. The projects will make it easier and more cost-effective for residents to install solar on their homes, provide for the training of disadvantaged youth for jobs in the growing solar industry, and help residents learn about solar options. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Dick, Manager, Office of Sustainability, at 535-8555.

Second Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit Scheduled—On January 23, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force second annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit will be held at the Roosevelt Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Summit, which is open to everyone, specifically targets schools, neighborhood leaders and community groups. The goal of the event is to provide the community with the tools to assist with gang prevention and crime reduction. It will feature hands-on workshops focused on Parent Engagement, Safe School Campus Initiative, Gang Awareness 101 and the City's Community Response Protocol. In addition, there will be a Community Resource Fair bringing together representatives from the City, local non-profit organizations, and neighborhoods associations to build and expand partnerships. For more information, contact Khoa Nguyen, Mayor's Office at 535-4813.

Applications Received Through the CDBG Program—The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) application process for nonprofit applicants closed January 5, 2010 for FY 2010-11. The program received 80 applicants requesting approximately \$12 million in financial assistance, including 66 public service requests totaling \$3.6 million, and 14 community development investment requests totaling \$8.1 million. Over 40% of the public service requests are new programs or programs

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that have not been funded through CDBG during the past two years. It is anticipated that the FY 2010-11 CDBG entitlement will be approximately \$10 - \$11 million, of which only 15% can be allocated to public service, and 65% will be available to community development investment projects, including City projects. Discussions will be opened with Department Directors in January regarding City proposals. Applications and City proposals will be reviewed in January/February 2010 with initial funding recommendations announced in March. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko, Director, Housing at 535-3851.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)—Purchase of Foreclosed Single Family Homes – In late December, the City's Housing Department completed its first purchases of single family homes through the federally funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The purchases were completed by Community Rehabilitation Partners (CRP), the firm selected by the City through a competitive process to acquire, rehabilitate and resell foreclosed single-family homes on behalf of the City to qualified low- or moderate-income families. Through the first round of funding, the Housing Department anticipates that ten to twelve single-family homes will be purchased and resold by September 2010. For more information, contact Dave Bopf, Division Manager, Housing at 535-3854.

Community Center Reuse Request for Proposal (RFP) Posted—On December 28, the City's Community Center Reuse Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted. The RFP will generate a list of qualified providers from which PRNS will draw on to occupy and operate the City's Reuse facilities. The City's Community Center Reuse program allows qualified nonprofit agencies, neighborhood associations, school districts, and other government agencies or community service provider's non-exclusive use of selected community and neighborhood centers at no charge in return for services that benefit San José residents. Notification of the RFP release was emailed to over 116 stakeholders, including the organizations on the Reuse RFP database, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SCVN), United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, City Commissions, SNI neighborhood organizations, and community stakeholders in the affected Reuse Community Center areas. Proposals are due on Friday, February 5. The Administration will forward its Community Center Reuse RFP recommendations to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on March 11 and subsequently to the City Council. The Bid announcement can be found at <https://www.bidsync.com/DPX/ca/sanjoseconsulting?ac=view&auc=527727>. For more information, contact Rudy Navarro, Reuse Property Management Team at 277-2741.

Roosevelt Community Center in line for Gold Status—The City received notification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) stating that the newly constructed Roosevelt Community Center has attained, and exceeded the points necessary to be certified as a GOLD LEED building. This collaborative project between numerous City departments represents a milestone as it will be the City's first Gold Certification for new building construction. The administrative process is currently underway and the official plaque is expected to arrive spring 2010. For more information, contact Dave Sykes, Assistant Director, Public Works at 535-8440 or Albert Balagso, Director, PRNS at 535-3574.

Gish Apartment Awarded the 2010 California Redevelopment Association (CRA) Award of Excellence—The City has received notification that the Gish Family Apartments received the 2010 CRA Award of Excellence in the Sustainable Development category. The award will be presented at an awards luncheon held in conjunction with the CRA Annual Conference and Exposition on March 10 at the Pasadena Convention Center. The Gish Family Apartments are a 35-unit mixed-use, multifamily, green, transit-oriented development serving very-low income (35-50% AMI) and

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developmentally disabled residents. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko, Director, Housing at 535-3851.

Coyote Creek Trail Wins Statewide Planning Award—The City's Coyote Creek Trail won the prestigious Achievement Award from the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) in the *Park Planning-Specialty Park* category. The Coyote Creek Trail planning process was singled-out for identifying clear, measurable outcomes and playing a leading role in bringing together multiple community resources to address this challenge. The 0.5 mile extension is a meandering trail that provides greater visibility and access to recreation. It also preserves the Police Department's equestrian operations and improves access to Stonegate Park. The addition to one of San Jose's most popular trail systems was a collaborative effort that included PRNS, Public Works, Police, and design consultants, Callander Associates and CH2M-Hill. It was a bond-funded project completed in summer 2009. For more information, contact Yves Zsutty, Trail Manager at 793-5561.

Kidango Honors Dawn Perry, Manager of Early Care and Education—On December 5, Dawn Perry was honored by Kidango as one of "30 Inspiring Leaders, who have worked tirelessly and have dedicated their lives to enriching the experiences of children, families and communities." Dawn manages the nationally recognized Smart Start San Jose program which has added over 5,000 new or improved, high quality early care and education spaces in San Jose as well as Books for Little Hands, which offers a comprehensive early literacy program serving pre-school children through 241 childcare sites. For information on Early Care and Education Programs, contact 808-2617.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Community Meeting on High Speed Rail Route Options In San José—Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Roosevelt Community Center, hosted by the California High Speed Rail Authority. For more information, contact Ben Tripousis at 975-3717.

Council Assistants' Meeting on 2010 Census-- January 15, 2010 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m., W-120) For more information, contact Vilcia Rodriguez at 535-8253.

2010 Crime and Gang Prevention Summit—Saturday, January 23, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Roosevelt Community Center 901 E. Santa Clara St. For more information, contact Khoa Nguyen at 535-4813 or khoa.nguyen@sanjoseca.gov.

NWBA D3 San Jose Spokes Tournament—Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31, from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Camden Community Center. For more information, contact Lee Williamson at 369-6438.

Mayor's Annual Community Breakfast—Thursday, February 18, 2010, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the San José McEnry Convention Center, 150 W. San Carlos St. To purchase tickets online, please visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/92342>. For more information on the event, visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor/>.

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California League Wheelchair Basketball Tournament —Saturday, February 20, and Sunday, February 21, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Camden Community Center. For more information, contact Lee Williamson at 369-6438.

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Debra Figone
City Manager