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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Debra Figone

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

DATE: January 22, 2010

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Storm Data Impact and Forecast—San José has received 2.78 inches of rain on the valley floor since January 17 and more in the outlying foothill areas. This brings the city's precipitation level to 120% of normal for the year. Rain should cease by this weekend, and is forecasted to return next week on Monday and Tuesday. Another storm is forecasted to arrive the following weekend. Public Works has been working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to monitor and anticipate creek flows and potential flood risks. On January 20, Public Works opened their Department Emergency Operations Center and deployed inspectors to verify creek conditions at several to several locations known to flood. Although flows reached high levels, flooding did not occur. Despite the heavy rains, the City's reservoirs continue to have capacity before flood releases are made or dam spillways are overtopped. Anderson Reservoir is approximately 50% full, however due to structural concerns with the dam's foundation; the State Division of Dam Safety is requiring that flood releases occur when the reservoir level rises to 70%, which adds flows to Coyote Creek that can cause flooding during heavy storms. Flood releases are not anticipated to occur within the next seven days. For more information, contact Timm Borden, Deputy Director, Public Works at 534-8499.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) reported that between January 18 through mid-day January 21, it received an estimated 1,800 calls from the public related to problems caused by the storms. Approximately 600 distinct service requests were generated from the calls, including requests to address nearly 400 plugged catch basins or storm sewer problems, almost 100 tree related problems, and another 100 miscellaneous problems, such as traffic signal malfunctions, potholes, or debris in the roadways. All of DOT's field staff is involved in keeping the storm system clear, ensuring the City's storm pump stations are operating, and fighting the impacts of the storm. Crews normally assigned to landscape maintenance, pavement maintenance, signs and markings maintenance, and construction inspection duties are fully deployed for the storm. Many crews are working extended shifts with full coverage around the clock. With the consistent and periodically intense rainfall, several notable events and issues have occurred.

- The Gold Street Pump Station in Alviso experienced a brief pump malfunction, causing ponding to occur on Hope Street. Crews were able to restore the failed pump and drain the water.

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- Zanker Road near Brokaw Road experienced flooding over the course of the event despite deploying 3 pumps to the site. The flooding caused the closure of lanes on Zanker Road. Water is now down as conditions have dried. Engineering and maintenance staff are assessing further mitigation strategies.
- Alum Rock Falls Road above Alum Rock Park had several minor slides on Tuesday. DOT's Heavy Equipment crews cleared the road on Wednesday.
- Almaden Expressway at Coleman Road experienced partial closures on several occasions due to flooding at the intersection. Two pumps were deployed and were able to drain the area. Crews suspect that the outfall pipe carrying storm water to the Guadalupe River is crushed. DOT will attempt to repair the pipe in drier conditions and will continue pumping as necessary.

DOT has received inquiries about how residents and volunteers can help during a storm. Residents can be most helpful by reporting problems to the City at 277-4373; assisting neighbors with placing sandbags as needed; clearing away tree branches or small fallen trees; and keeping their property and the curb areas clear from leaves and other debris that can block the storm drains. For more information, contact Kevin O'Connor, DOT Deputy Director at 277-3028.

Flight Schedules at the Airport Unaffected by this Week's Storms—Despite heavy rains and strong winds due to this week's series of winter storms, airlines were able to operate on normal schedules at Mineta San José International Airport. Airport operations staff reported minor isolated problems from gusts and ponding that affected some facilities, but overall there were no impacts on customers. Several flights were diverted to land at San José because of weather at other Bay Area airports that prevented their landing there. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7669.

New Store Development—Planning Building and Code Enforcement (PBCE) received a building permit application for a Target Store to be located at First Street and Highway 237. City staff is working on an expedited schedule with Target to shorten the normal permit review to six weeks which will allow the building to be opened this Fall in time for the holiday season. Because Target only opens stores two times a year nationally, this accelerated schedule will result in six additional months of sales tax revenues, including the important holiday sale period estimated as \$350,000 in extra City revenue. For more information, contact Joseph Horwedel, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, at 535-7900.

Census 2010 Outreach Begins—This week, emails were sent to City employees and Boards and Commissions informing them of the Census and requesting their assistance in encouraging residents to fill out and mail back their census forms by April 1, 2010. In addition, staff also made presentations to the Santa Clara County Collaborative to End Homelessness Steering Committee and the Advisory Commission on Rents. Starting next week, the City will be mailing information in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on the Census to about 190K single-family residents via the Recycle Plus garbage bill. This is one of the first key citywide outreach efforts to educate residents on the importance of the Census. In addition, a Census message will also be printed on the actual garbage bill. Attached is a copy of the bill insert. It is important to highlight some of the challenges the City is facing in its efforts to secure an accurate count of its population, including language barriers, immigration issues, etc. For example, a poll released this week by the Pew Research Center shows that nearly one in five people say they aren't sure they will participate in

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the Census, citing mostly a lack of interest but also a broader distrust of government. Young people in particular, as well as those with less education and Hispanics are among those least likely to participate in the Census. For a full copy of the news article, visit www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34958916/ns/us_news-life/from/ET. For information about City efforts, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/Census2010.asp or call Vilcia Rodriguez, City Manager's Office, at (408) 535-8253.

Recycle Plus Pilots Moving San José Toward Zero Waste—The Environmental Services Department (ESD) held follow-up community meetings for its Yard Trimmings Cart pilot program this week, after implementing significant program enhancements in response to community input. ESD will also hold a series of community meetings in early February in preparation for the launch of the Food Scrap and Organics pilot in March. The launch of this pilot is a major step towards the City achieving its Zero Waste goals. Reducing the amount of organic material in landfills has a major benefit of curbing greenhouse gas emissions caused by decomposing garbage. Beginning March 1, select neighborhoods in San José will have the opportunity to separate food scraps and other compostable items from their garbage. The organic material collected in City-provided yard trimmings carts will be processed into compost and soil products for commercial or agricultural applications. For more information, visit www.sjrecycles.org/pilot or contact Donna Perala, Program Manager, at 975-2511.

Project Homeless Connect Event—On January 19, the Housing Department in partnership with the Los Gatos Police Department, St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Los Gatos, and West Valley Community Services coordinated a Project Homeless Connect event in the Town of Los Gatos. The event provided direct services for 40 homeless individuals currently residing in the West Valley area. During the event, participants received dental services from Valley Homeless Health Care, free California Identification cards from the DMV, and H1N1 flu shots administered by Gardner Family Health Network. The event was attended by a representative from the Santa Clara County Public Defenders Office, who gave legal advice and consultations. Housing, rental assistance, and mental health staff were also available for information and client referrals. For more information, contact Jessica Scheiner, Development Officer at 535-4417.

SBWR and San José Chamber Hosted Event to Discuss Proposed Ordinance—On January 20, South Bay Water Recycling (SBWR) and the San José Chamber of Commerce held a stakeholder meeting to discuss the City's proposed In-door Plumbing Ordinance. The purpose of the meeting was to gather input and comments from local stakeholders regarding the proposed ordinance, which would require new commercial construction in San José to install dual plumbing for recycled water. Approximately 20 developers and other interested parties attended the meeting to share their comments in an effort to help shape the direction of the ordinance. A second stakeholder meeting for interested members of the building, architectural, business, environmental, and engineering community will be held on January 25, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. in Council Chambers. For more information, contact Martina Davis, Assistant Environmental Services Specialist, South Bay Water Recycling at 363-4716.

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Airport Hosted Silicon Valley Business Travel Association Meeting in New Terminal— On January 14, (as part of the Airport's series of "business in-reach" meetings to inform local business, hospitality, and travel industry organizations about airport improvements and air service goals this spring,) more than 150 members of the Silicon Valley Business Travel Association (SVTBA) met at Mineta San José International Airport for a presentation and tour of the newly opened and upgraded terminal facilities. This event was part of the Airport's other upcoming in-reach meetings include the Commonwealth Business Travel Group next week (a national association of the largest independent travel agencies), as well as groups from the San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, San José Downtown Association, San José Convention and Visitors Bureau, and several local travel professional associations. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Director of Aviation, at 501-7669.

The Slow the Flow Program Successfully Completed 9 Integrated Field Trips—The *Slow the Flow* Program recently completed nine integrated field trip experiences for 860 students and adults at the Environmental Education Center located in the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Students learn about endangered species habitat, the wastewater treatment process, and water conservation through hands-on activities and demonstrations. The *Slow the Flow* program is provided by The City of San José Environmental Services Department in conjunction with the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It operates from the Environmental Education Center at Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Alviso, CA. For more information, contact Eric McKee, Program Coordinator at 262-5513 ext. 104 or sfbay.slowtheflow@gmail.com

Roosevelt Community Center Receives Award of Excellence—Roosevelt Community Center was selected as a 2009 California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence recipient in the category of Facility Design-Community Centers/Facilities. This is the fifth award for the year-old facility. It has also received the American Public Works Association Project of the Year, Silicon Valley Business Times Green Project of the Year, Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program Award and Storm Water Solutions 2010 Top Stormwater Project. The most recent award will be presented at the 62nd Annual CPRS Training Conference in Palm Springs, California on Friday, March 12. CPRS is a nonprofit, professional and public interest organization that provides career development, networking, and resources for its more than 4,000 members and serves as a public advocate for California parks and recreation professionals. For more information, contact Marie Alberry-Hawkins, Recreation Superintendent, at 277-2741.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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.

2010 San Jose Neighborhood Association/Youth Commission Prioritization Session—Saturday, January 23, from 10:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 200 E. Santa Clara Street, City Hall Committee Rooms. For more information, call Nadine Nader at 535-8104.

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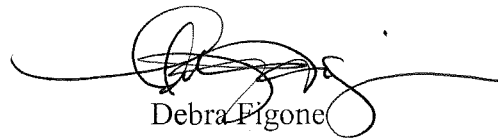
NWBA D3 San José Spokes Tournament—Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Camden Community Center 3369 Union Ave.. For more information, contact Lee Williamson at 369-6438.

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/>.

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 3369 Union Ave. For more information, contact Lee Williamson at 369-6438.

Recycle Plus Food Scrap & Organics Pilot Community Meetings—Community meetings on the upcoming Food Scrap and Organics pilot which is being conducted in Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates. For more information, contact Donna Perala at 975-2511.

- Wednesday, January 20: Cassell Elementary School, 1300 Tallahassee Drive, San José, CA 95122
- Monday, February 1: Edenvale Library, 101 Branham Lane East, San José, CA 95111
- Tuesday, February 2: Evergreen Community Center, 4860 San Felipe Road, San José, CA 95135
- Thursday, February 4: Cypress Senior Center, 403 Cypress Avenue, San José, CA 95117
- Tuesday, February 9: Vinci Elementary School, 1311 Vinci Park Way, San José, CA 95131



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City Manager

Attachment

SỰ THÀNH CÔNG CỦA CHƯƠNG TRÌNH THỐNG KÊ DÂN SỐ TRONG TÂM TAY CỦA CHÚNG TA.

Vào tháng 3 năm 2010, mọi gia đình trong quận hạt sẽ nhận được Mẫu Thống Kê Dân Số năm 2010. Xin quý vị hoặc người trong gia đình điền vào mẫu này và gửi trở lại trước ngày 1 tháng Tư 2010, để chúng ta có được số liệu thống kê chính xác về dân số của thành phố San Jose và quận hạt Santa Clara.

CUNG CẤP THÔNG TIN VỀ DÂN SỐ LÀ VIỆC QUAN TRỌNG CẦN LÀM – Chính phủ liên bang dùng số liệu thống kê dân số để quyết định cách phân chia ngân quỹ trợ cấp (hơn 435 tỉ mỹ kim hàng năm) về cho các chương trình và dịch vụ cộng đồng ở các cấp, như là giáo dục, y tế công cộng, dịch vụ cung cấp nhà ở (housing), dịch vụ giúp người cao niên, giao thông, các đề án cải tiến khu xóm, v.v... Thông tin dân số mà quý vị cung cấp sẽ giúp cho San Jose và quận hạt Santa Clara có được số ngân quỹ trợ cấp tương xứng với dân số của địa phương.

MẪU THỐNG KÊ DÂN SỐ RẤT DỄ TRẢ LỜI – Mỗi gia đình sẽ nhận được một mẫu đơn ngắn với 10 câu hỏi đơn giản rất dễ trả lời. Các mẫu này đã được in ra tiếng Anh, Việt, Tây Ban Nha, Đại Hàn, Trung Hoa và tiếng Nga. Chúng tôi có nhân viên thông thạo hơn 50 ngôn ngữ khác nhau để giúp đỡ cư dân; xin quý vị gọi số (866) 945-2010 nếu cần giúp đỡ. Các đường dây điện thoại sẽ được mở từ 8 giờ sáng đến 9 giờ tối (giờ địa phương) bảy ngày trong tuần, từ 25 tháng 2 năm 2010 đến 30 tháng 7 năm 2010.

THÔNG TIN CỦA QUÝ VỊ SẼ ĐƯỢC TUYỆT ĐỐI GIỮ KÍN – Theo luật thì Sở Thống Kê Dân Số không được phép tiết lộ câu trả lời của quý vị cho bất cứ ai, kể cả các cơ quan phúc lợi và di trú. Tất cả các nhân viên của Sở Thống Kê Dân Số đã tuyên thệ sẽ suốt đời giữ kín những câu trả lời về thống kê dân số. Nếu vi phạm, họ sẽ bị phạt tù lên đến 5 năm, hoặc phạt tiền lên đến \$250,000, hoặc cả hai.

Để biết thêm thông tin về chương trình Thống Kê Dân Số 2010, xin vào trang mạng www.sanjoseca.gov/Census2010.asp.

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To order brochures, please call (408) 299-6404
or email SanJose2010Census@sanjoseca.gov

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A SUCCESSFUL CENSUS IS IN YOUR HANDS.

In March 2010, every household in the county will receive a Census questionnaire. We need you or someone in your household to fill it out and mail it back by April 1, 2010, to ensure an accurate people count in San Jose and Santa Clara County.

IT'S IMPORTANT – The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$435 billion annually for community programs and services, such as education, housing, public health, senior services, transportation, neighborhood improvements and more. The information you provide makes sure that San Jose and Santa Clara County get their fair share of these funds.

IT'S EASY – Every residence will receive a short form with 10 questions that is simple and fast to complete. Forms are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese and Russian. Language assistance is available in over 50 languages by calling (866) 872-6868. Lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week from February 25, 2010 through July 30, 2010.

IT'S CONFIDENTIAL – By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies. Every Census worker has taken an oath for life to protect confidentiality of census responses. Violation would result in a jail term of up to 5 years and/or fine up to \$250,000.

For more information about 2010 Census, visit www.sanjoseca.gov/Census2010.asp.

CENSUS DAY | APRIL 1, 2010

EL ÉXITO DEL CENSO ESTÁ EN SUS MANOS.

En marzo de 2010, todos los hogares en el condado recibirán un cuestionario del censo. Necesitamos que usted u otro individuo en su hogar contesten las preguntas y devuelvan el cuestionario por correo a más tardar el 1 de abril de 2010 para obtener un conteo de todas las personas en San Jose y el Condado de Santa Clara.

ES IMPORTANTE – El gobierno federal utiliza los datos en el censo para adjudicar más de US\$435 billones anualmente para programas y servicios comunitarios, tal como educación, vivienda, salud pública, servicios a personas de la tercera edad, transporte, mejoras a la comunidad y otros. Su información le permite a San Jose y al Condado de Santa Clara recibir una cantidad equitativa de estos fondos.

ES FÁCIL – Cada hogar recibirá un formulario breve con 10 preguntas sencillas y fáciles de contestar. El formulario está disponible en inglés, español, vietnamita, coreano, chino y ruso. Asistencia disponible en más de 50 idiomas llamando al (866) 928-2010. Las líneas telefónicas estarán disponible de 8 a.m. hasta las 9 p.m., siete días a la semana, a partir del 25 de febrero de 2010 hasta el 30 de julio de 2010.

ES CONFIDENCIAL – De acuerdo a la ley, la Oficina del Censo no puede compartir las respuestas de individuos, incluyendo agencias de bienestar e inmigración. Cada censista ha presentado un juramento vitalicio para proteger la confidencialidad de las respuestas en el censo. Uso indebido puede resultar en el encarcelamiento de hasta 5 años y/o una multa de hasta US \$250,000.

Para más información sobre el Censo 2010, visite www.sanjoseca.gov/Census2010.asp.

DÍA DEL CENSO | 1 DE ABRIL, 2010