



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE **FROM:** Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: PROPOSED STUDY SESSIONS SCHEDULE **DATE:** November 12, 2009

Approved

Chuck Reed

Date

11/12/09

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Rules and Open Government Committee schedule additional Study Sessions for the full City Council to discuss and engage with stakeholders, ideas for addressing our structural deficit and new revenue ideas, and to provide input and feedback on the City Manager's Program Prioritization process.

BACKGROUND

In my memorandum dated November 2, 2009, I stated that community input should be achieved through an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the City Council. Given the amount of interest the budget process has created, the importance of the issue and the large number of Councilmembers that want to be involved in the Committee, having the entire City Council engaged with stakeholders in a public process will maximize public participation and transparency.

These outreach meetings will provide the opportunity for the entire City Council to be engaged with stakeholders to discuss and receive ideas on potential solutions to address the General Fund budget shortfall and will assist the Mayor, City Council and City Manager with the development of the Mayor's Budget Messages and the City Manager's Operating and Capitol Budgets.