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## **Mayor Chuck Reed and San José City Council Ask Residents for Input on \$77 Million Budget Shortfall**

*SAN JOSE, CALIF.* – The San José City Council will discuss the City’s budget challenges at this afternoon’s Council meeting and will be holding community meetings throughout the City over the next several weeks seeking input from residents about potential cuts in services and changes in the way the City does business. The City of San José’s projected shortfall for the fiscal year beginning July 1 now totals \$77 million.

“San José has had eight straight years of budget deficits. We have worked with our community and employee groups and made significant cuts, but the state and national economy have undermined any progress we have made,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. “I am calling on everyone in the City to work together to address this problem.”

“We must re-examine how we operate, reviewing every aspect of our budget. Unfortunately, many hard decisions will have to be made, and we need to discuss them now,” said Mayor Reed. “I also want to thank the people of San José who approved Measures J&K to preserve funding for vital city services. Without these vital measures, the City of San José would be in significantly worse circumstances.”

Upcoming City of San José Community budget meetings:

**Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m.**

**District 7 – Councilmember Madison Nguyen**  
OB Whaley Elementary, 2655 Alvin Ave.

**Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

**District 10 – Councilmember Nancy Pyle**  
VEP Membership Meeting, Vista Park  
Community Room, 475 Hyde Park Drive

**Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.**

**District 8 – Councilmember Rose Herrera**  
Leyva Middle School, 1865 Monrovia Drive

**Thursday, April 30 at 6 p.m.**

**District 4 – Councilmember Kansen Chu**  
Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Rd.

**Wednesday, May 6 at 6 p.m.**

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Alviso Community Center, 5050 N 1st

**Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m.**

**District 9 – Councilmember Judy Chirco**  
Cambrian Branch Library, 1780 Hillsdale Ave.

**Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m.**

**District 2 – Councilmember Ash Kalra**  
Edenvale Library, 101 Branham Lane

**Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

**District 1 – Councilmember Pete Constant**  
Archbishop Mitty, 5000 Mitty Way

**Wednesday, May 14**

**District 5 – Councilmember Nora Campos**  
Location and Time TBD

**Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

**District 3 – Councilmember Sam Liccardo**  
City Hall - Wing 118-119, 200 E. Santa Clara St.

*Note: Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio’s District 6 meeting was held in March.*