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## TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: LIVING WAGE RATES

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## **INFORMATION**

Per the Living Wage Resolution (No. 68900), the Office of Equality Assurance has reviewed the 2004 U.S. Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines and Economic Research Institute's Geographic Assessor to determine if any adjustment to the City's living wage rate is necessary.

The adopted methodology used to calculate the rate is:

Federal Poverty Income Geographic Adjustment X San Jose Living Wage Rate Standard for Family of 3 Factor

The current living wage rates are:

- a) If health insurance benefits are provided, a wage of no less than \$10.31 per hour; or
- b) If health insurance benefits are not provided, a wage of no less than \$11.56 per hour.

Application of this methodology to the current values results in the following new living wage rate:

\$7.53 .424 х \$10.72 per hour

The wage rate for contractors and any subcontractors on City contracts subject to the Policy is:

- a) If health insurance benefits are provided, a wage of no less than \$10.72 per hour; or
- b) If health insurance benefits are not provided, a wage of no less than \$11.97 per hour.

These new rates affect applicable contracts solicited for and entered into after July 1, 2004.

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