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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Airport Receives \$7.2 Million in Federal Stimulus Funding—On August 18, the ***Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)*** approved Federal stimulus funding and grants totaling \$7.2 million. The funds will be used for the ***Taxiway W Project***, which will enhance the movement safety of general aviation aircraft and further reduce the risk of accidents on the airfield. The funded project is the first phase of a long-term plan that also will help support the future development of the west side of the airport. More than 80 construction jobs are estimated to be supported by the project, which involves the removal of existing pavement, construction of new concrete pavement, installation of airfield signage and lighting, and related activities. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at (408) 501-7600.

League of California Cities 2009 Annual Conference—On September 16-18, The ***League of California Cities (LOCC) Annual Conference*** will be held in San José this year at the ***San José McEnery Convention Center***. The Conference will kick-off on the September 16th with ***Mayor Chuck Reed*** welcoming guests to San José and the Conference at the ***Opening General Session*** from 4:00-6:00 pm. The theme of this year's ***LOCC 2009 Annual Conference and Expo "Strong Cities, Strong State, Strong Nation,"*** is intended to reflect how closely our state and national interests are impacted by the collective vitality of our cities. As the host city for the ***2009 LOCC Annual Conference***, San José's primary role is to produce and fund the ***Host City Reception***, which will take place directly after the ***Opening General Session***. The ***Host City Reception*** will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the ***Tech Museum of Innovation***. The fundraising target for the ***Host City Reception*** is \$25 - \$30,000 and is still to be achieved. To date, staff has received verbal commitments of \$14,000 from sponsors and needs to raise an additional \$15,000 to support the Reception. Staff would appreciate any support that Council members can offer in referring prospective sponsors to help close the funding gap. Given the current level of funding, the reception will likely be modest. For more information, contact Ed Shikada at 535-8190, Betsy Shotwell 535-8270, or Rebecca Elliot, League of California Cities at (408) 829-2946.

JetBlue Announces Cancellation of San José-Long Beach Service—On August 26, ***JetBlue*** informed Airport staff that it will reduce its presence at SJC by cutting its three daily flights to Long Beach effective January 2010, leaving only one daily ***JetBlue*** flight (New York/San José). At the same time, the airline also indicated that it will be adding Long Beach service at San Francisco International. With 46 daily flights to the Los Angeles airports by other carriers, San

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José continues to have frequent service to the Los Angeles region. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at (408) 501-7600.

Alaska launches "Nerd Bird" Service to Austin and Announces its Second Daily Flight—Starting September 2, Alaska will begin providing a daily flight between Austin and San Jose; with plans to add a second daily flight in March 2010. The second daily flight will provide travelers with the convenience of doing business in Austin and Silicon Valley and making it home in the same day. *Alaska* added the second flight in response to demand from the business community in both cities for more service between the two high-tech hubs. The new flights, which restore the service cancelled by *American Airlines* this summer, will originate in Portland and increase capacity between Portland and Silicon Valley by more than 12%. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at (408) 501-7600.

Significant Rise in Homeless and Rental Rights Contacts—Recently, Housing Department staff has been responding to an increase in the number of people calling requesting assistance with rent and/or deposit for move-in costs. Much of this increase can be attributed to the rise in foreclosures, which is impacting San José renters. In addition, the Housing Department's ***Rental Rights and Referrals*** staff has also seen an increase in the number of people seeking assistance with issues surrounding tenant/landlord rights as well as tenant problems. In the event Council Offices have questions regarding these types of issues, please contact the following:

- Vivian Frelix-Hart at 535-8239 for tenant/landlord issues, and
- Kelly Hemphill at 975-4483 for assistance with rent and/or deposit.

Citizens calling to request assistance with homeless issues and rent and/or deposit can be referred to the ***Housing Services Partnership*** at 510-7526 or 510-7124, and inquiries about tenant/landlord issues can be referred to Theresa Ramos at 975-4475.

ForeclosureHelp Outreach Efforts—The City's ***ForeclosureHelp Program*** is taking aggressive steps to reach out to the families and communities being impacted by foreclosures. The ***ForeclosureHelp Center*** is fully staffed with 45 trained volunteers assisting families in need of foreclosure mitigation services. Upcoming outreach efforts include community presentations, job fairs, Council District resource fairs, and local media. Within the next 30 days, staff and volunteers will attend several events including Work2Future's "***Celebracion del Campo***" Job Community Resource Fair held at the ***Uesugi Farms*** in Morgan Hill. In addition, ***ForeclosureHelp*** staff will participate in ***KTEH's*** live taping of "***Facing the Mortgage Crisis***", a collaborative effort by over 20 community partners connecting people at risk of foreclosure with resources. Staff will also be interviewed by Damien Trujillo on "***Comunidad del Valle***", a televised program providing information on current issues impacting the Hispanic community.

In addition to these events, ***ForeclosureHelp*** will also be airing public service announcements in Spanish, Vietnamese and English to reach out to the larger community facing the impacts of foreclosures. For more information, contact Leslye Krutko at 535-3851.

New Airport Concourse a Finalist for 2009 "Structures" Award—On August 25, the ***San José Business Journal*** informed Airport staff that the Terminal B Concourse is one of two finalists for the annual ***Structures Awards*** in the categories of ***Community Impact*** and ***Public/Civic Project of the Year***. Winners will be announced Thursday, September 24, at the ***Business Journal's*** annual ***Structures Awards*** event at the ***Downtown Marriott*** which honors the top companies, individuals,

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and projects that have made their mark in Silicon Valley real estate and construction. Winners also will be recognized in the *Business Journal's* special publication on September 25. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at (408) 501-7600.

Recycled Water Award Presented to SJSU—On June 25, *South Bay Water Recycling* and the *Santa Clara Valley Water District* recognized *San José State University* for its long-term dedication to protecting the environment through the use of recycled water. *SJSU* saved more than 20 million gallons of drinking water by the use of recycled water at its co-generation power plant and South Campus athletic fields. As a result of this success, *SJSU* plans to expand its efforts to other areas of the campus. This award also recognized SJSU President Jon Whitmore's commitment to sustainability, by making it a top priority during his tenure. For more information, contact Joanne Sanfilippo at 408-975-2615.

Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Tours the Airport—On August 24, members of the *2009-2010 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury* toured the Airport's new facilities and construction sites. In addition to a tour of the facilities SJC senior staff was interviewed as part of the *Grand Jury's* overall orientation to public agencies and infrastructure throughout the county. Impressed by the Airports success at being able to keep the \$1.3 billion construction program on time and on budget, the *Grand Jury* was also very interested in the Airport's modernization program, operations, finances, as well as air service and customer service issues. The *Grand Jury* did not indicate whether it would pursue any further inquiries related to the Airport. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at (408) 501-7600.

More New Restaurants Opening at the Airport—Over the next several days, more restaurants will be opening in the Terminal A and Terminal B Concourses, including *Le Boulanger*, a locally-based bakery/café offering bread baked fresh on site, sandwiches, salads, and soup; *The Brit*, a local British-style pub; *Sora*, a restaurant featuring made-to-order sushi and Japanese cuisine; and *Peet's Coffee & Tea*. For more information, contact Bill Sherry at (408) 501-7600.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

East San José Carnegie Branch Library Grand Opening, Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m. dedication (1102 E. Santa Clara St. (corner of S. 23rd St.). Welcome back after expansion, the oldest public library and the only Carnegie library still serving in Santa Clara County. For information, call (408) 535-8450.

Albertson's Parkway Trail Grand Opening, Saturday, August 29, 10a.m., Conejo Dr. & Jagers Dr., San José, 95119. For more information, contact Nicole Morrison at 794-6206.

League of California Cities 2009 Annual Conference, September 16 – 18, San José Convention Center. The Opening General Session on September 16 at 4:00 p.m. will kick off the Conference. Deadline for Advance Registration is August 25.

Vietnamese American Community Center (VACC) Vision Event, Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Yerba Buena High School Gymnasium at 1855 Lucretia Avenue. RSVPs are accepted through September 4, 2009, by Jennifer Luc at (408) 535-8507 or jennifer.luc@sanjoseca.gov.

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Community Meetings on the Inclusionary Housing Policy, Below are upcoming meeting dates and locations:

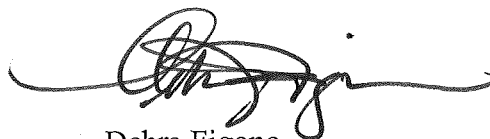
- September 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Willow Senior Center located at 2175 Lincoln Avenue
- September 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City Hall Public Wing Room 119 located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street – ***Joint Stakeholder Meeting***
- September 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Southside Community Center located at 5585 Cottle Road
- September 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City Hall Public Wing Room 118-119 located at 200 East Santa Clara Street
- September 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting West Valley Branch Library located at 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road

2010-15 Consolidated Plan Regional Visioning Workshops, Below are upcoming meeting dates and locations:

- September 9 – **San José and Central County** - from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the West Valley Branch Library located at 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San José, 95117
- September 16 – **South County** – from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Community Cultural Center at 17000 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill, 95037
- September 23 – **North County** – from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers at 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, 94086

12th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence, Friday, October 2. Program begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by Walk Procession through Downtown and Community Lunch/ Resource Fair. There is no cost for participation. For more information, contact Eve Castellanos at 535-8101.

2nd Annual Disability Awareness Day, October 8, 2009 10a.m.- 2 p.m. City Hall Rotunda and Plaza. For more information, please visit www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com.



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