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## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
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**FROM:** Debra Figone

**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Weekly Report

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### INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

***Airport Activity***—Passenger traffic at SJC dropped 17.2% in August of 2009 compared to August 2008. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive month that traffic has declined year over year, and the current outlook remains negative as airline schedules posted for early 2010 show further reductions in flights. Overall the U.S. airline industry is shrinking to a size not seen since the months after the 2001 terror attacks as airlines have continued to trim flights over the past two years to match falling demand due to the current severe recession. In addition, Fitch Ratings has downgraded its rating on \$1.04 billion of the Airport's Revenue Bonds from 'A+' to 'A-', a drop of two rating notches. The downgrade reflects the combined effect of three years of falling passenger traffic along with the increase in the Airport's overall debt for its modernization program. In light of the persistent decline, the Airport will identify additional cost reductions in order to continue to operate within the airports reduced revenues caused by lower passenger traffic. The steep decline also underscores the urgency for more active and effective engagement by Silicon Valley business and civic leadership to aid the efforts by the Airport and City to restore flights to SJC and attract new air service. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Airport Director, at 501-7600.

***SJPD Receives Honor from Regional Community Policing Institute-California (RCPI-CA)***—On September 17, the RCPI-CA, in association with the Office of the Attorney General presented the San José Police Department with an award for being one of the top three finalists in the state for the James Q. Wilson Award, which recognizes California law enforcement agencies for successfully implementing a Community Policing philosophy. SJPD received the honor based on its work with the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF). Created in 1991, the MGPTF is a collaboration amongst SJPD, City Departments, local community and faith-based organizations, local schools and other government entities to help combat, reduce and prevent gang activity in San José. For more information, contact Lt. John Spicer of the San José Police Department at 277-8900.

***Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award***—On September 9, The Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG) received the 2009 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention award for its contributions to the 2008 statewide No Drugs Down the Drain campaign. BAPPG, a consortium of 43 wastewater agencies throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, launched a regional effort to promote the No Drugs Down the Drain message and regional medicine collection events and programs. BAPPG supplemented the statewide campaign with regional advertisements covering all nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. At least 17 Bay Area

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agencies, including the City of San José, marketed the campaign locally and hosted events, and/or promoted ongoing pharmaceutical disposal programs. The Regional Water Quality Control Board established this annual award to recognize Dr. Teng-Chung Wu's dedication to improving water quality throughout his career and, in particular, his leadership in pollution prevention. For more information, contact Elaine Marshall of the Environmental Services Department at 277-5697.

***San José to Sponsor Resource Fairs In Support of National Pollution Prevention Week, September 21-27, 2009***—On September 21-27, the City will host various resource fairs to encourage the public to become part of the green solution during National Pollution Prevention Week. Participants will learn about simple actions they can take to reduce and prevent pollution, friendly alternatives for their home and garden, as well as hear about how to help keep creeks and streams litter free. Participants will have the opportunity to safely dispose of expired and unwanted medications, trade in old glass mercury thermometers for free digital ones, donate old cell phones to the Happy Hollow Cell Phone Recycling Program in support of orangutan conservation and receive a FREE reusable shopping bag. For more information on a resource fair in your area, visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/calendar.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/calendar.asp). or contact Ricardo Barajas of the Environmental Services Department at 975-2549

***The Tuesday Market at City Hall Concludes its First Year 20-week Run***—On September 1, 2009, the Tuesday Market at City Hall drew to a close after a 20-week run that began at an Earth Day Celebration on April 21, 2009. The City was one of the Market's first year sponsors and in return received free booth space for itself and partner agencies to promote various aspects of the City's Green Vision. The Market, which was held on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between City Hall and E. San Fernando, achieved its goal of highlighting the City's green programs, and promoting local produce and crafts to the public. Total attendance is estimated between 17,000 and 20,000 people over its 20-week run. Filco, the organization that manages the Tuesday Market at City Hall and the San Pedro Street Markets, has not yet identified sponsors for 2010 and indicates that the Market will not be able to continue next year without sponsorships. For more information, contact Paul Prange of the Environmental Services Department at 975-2591.

***Airport to Close One Runway for Two Weeks for Airfield Construction***—On September 21, the Airport will close its principal commercial approach runway, Runway 30 Left (R30L), for approximately two weeks, to allow crews to begin construction of the first phase of a taxiway extension on the west side of the airfield. During the closure, Runway 30 Right, the Airport's other commercial runway, will be used for both arrivals and departures. While R30L is closed, aircraft approaches to the Airport from the south in the general area over the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 85 will shift approximately one mile to the east of the normal flight path. Residents in South San José may notice an increase in aircraft operations over their communities. Closer to the Airport, aircraft approaches will shift approximately 600 to 1000 feet to the east, and residents in neighborhoods near the Airport may also notice the increase in air traffic. For more information, contact Bill Sherry, Airport Director, at 501-7600.

***"Wonders of Our Water Works - Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours Update - 2009***— Since mid-May of this year more than 900 community members have toured the Water Pollution Control Plant (Plant), and more than 600 have filled out public values survey's regarding the Plant Master Plan. Survey information will be used to inform the direction of the Plant Master Plan's

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land use component. The tours (first and third Saturdays, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., and first and third Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – noon) are now booked through October. Since interest remains high, the tours have been extended through November. To book a tour, or to learn about the Plant Master Plan, visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/plantmasterplan). For more information, contact Bruce Frisbey of the Environmental Services Department at 975-2542.

***Payroll Successfully Transitioned to Wells Fargo Bank***—On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Finance Department successfully transitioned payroll to the City's new banking services provider, Wells Fargo Bank. In addition, all of the City's and related entities) bank accounts have been established. The transition to city-wide credit card processing is almost complete. The next area of focus during the banking transition will be to convert the City's lockbox processing from the City's former bank. As the City's banking services continue to migrate to Wells Fargo, the Finance Department will continue to work with affected City departments on continued efforts to ensure a seamless transition, capturing efficiencies through new banking technology tools available to the City, implementing operational efficiencies associated with new banking procedures, and evaluating on-going cost reduction opportunities associated with the City's banking relationship. For more information, contact Julia Cooper, Assistant Director of Finance, at 535-7011.

***California's "Great Shake Out" Drill***—On October 15, at 10:15 a.m. in commemoration of the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989, San José residents are encouraged to join Californians throughout the state in participating in the "Great Shake Out." It is a state-wide earthquake drill aimed at raising earthquake preparedness and awareness for all Californians. To participate in this event simply "drop, cover and hold" for 60 seconds wherever you are. For more information, visit <http://www.shakeout.org/drill/> or contact Saman Saffarzadeh of the Fire Department at 398-3915.

***Water Resources Respond to Main Break at King Road and Saralyn Drive***—On September 11, shortly after midnight, ***Water Resources*** staff received reports of a main break on King Rd. and Saralyn Drive. The leak was caused by a break in a fire hydrant lateral; which was replaced within hours. No customers were affected, nor property damage reported. For more information, contact Mansour Nasser of the Environmental Services Department at 277-4218.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

***Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support Committee Special Evening Meeting***, October 14, 2009 at City Hall, Council Chambers from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elicit public feedback on the City's efforts to address issues related to public safety and policing in San José. Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters will be available at the meeting. Please assist us in our community outreach efforts by sharing this information with your constituents. For more information, contact Vilcia Rodriguez of the City Manager's Office at 535-8253.

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

- **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. at the Southside Community Center located at 5585 Cottle Road.

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- **September 24<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. – 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 23<sup>rd</sup> – North County** – from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers at 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, 94086.

***Friday Night Movie in the Park***–

- Friday, September 18, 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m., Camden Park, Camden & Hillsdale
- Friday October 2, 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m., Camden Park, Camden and Hillsdale.

For more information, contact the Gary Okazaki at 277-2741.

***Bark in the Park***, Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., William Street Park, 16<sup>th</sup> & E. Williams. For more information, contact Julie St. Gregory at 794-7211.

***District 2 Community Fest***, Saturday, September 19, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., George Page Park, Santa Teresa & Miyuki. For more information, contact Briana Villanueva at 794.6202.

***33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival***, Sunday, September 20, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Almaden Lake Park, Almaden Expwy & Coleman. For more information, contact Katie Peterson at 794-6207.

***Tee for Toys Golf Tournament***, Monday, September 21, 10 a.m., Almaden Golf & Country Club, 6663 Hampton Dr, San José, 95120. For more information, contact Brian Clampitt at 794-6203. Visit our website for the latest tournament information: [www.sanjoseholidayparade.com](http://www.sanjoseholidayparade.com).

***11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tim Brauch Memorial Bowl Contest***, Sunday, September 27, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park, Tully & White. For more information, contact Viet Nguyen at 794-7576.

***Friday Night Movie in the Park***,

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

***District 8 Day in the Park***, Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Cunningham Park, Tully & White. For more information, contact Edwin Cortez at 277-5986.

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***Harvest Fair & Exposition***, Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Emma Prusch Farm Park, Story & King. For more information, contact Briana Villanueva at 794.6202.

***Wildlife Festival***, Sunday, October 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Alum Rock Park, Penitencia Creek & Donel. For more information, contact Sylvia Garcia at 258-4322.

***2nd Annual Disability Awareness Day***, Thursday, October 8 at San José City Hall. San José City Hall Rotunda & Plaza, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. For more information please call 369-6438 or visit [www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com](http://www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com).

***Making Magic Alum Rock Education Foundation Golf Tournament***, Friday, October 16, Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., Los Lagos Golf Course, 2995 Tuers Road, 95121. For more information, contact Liz Best at 794-1065.



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