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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: East Side High School
District Partnership

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10-15-09

INFORMATION

On December 16, 2008 the Mayor and City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the East Side Union High School District (District). The MOU provided a common vision for the shared planning, development and operations of recreation facilities.

Unfortunately, due to budget challenges imposed by the State, a need for the District to re-assess priorities, and the current leadership transition in the District, the projects associated with the MOU are currently on indefinite hold. The only exception is the lease of pools, which is anticipated to continue. The MOU will continue to remain in place at this time in case the City and District wish to re-initiate these projects in the coming years.

The projects associated with the MOU which are on hold include:

1. The construction of a sports complex at Independence High School;
2. The renovation of sports fields at Overfelt High School;
3. The rehabilitation of the Hillview Branch Library for use by the District as a digital arts and neighborhood center;
4. The renovation and/or expansion of the Frank Fiscalini Swim Center as a large Family Aquatics Center.

Throughout this process, City and District staff have maintained an excellent relationship and are committed to working together on various other projects and efforts which leverage our mutual interests and resources. We will continue to keep the Mayor and City Council up to date on these efforts as we move forward in our relationship with the District. In the meantime, we realize that access to sports fields is a top priority of our residents and we will continue to pursue other opportunities. These include the potential soccer complex at the Airport West property as well as agreements with other school districts in the City.

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