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To: Neighborhoods Commission Workgroup
From: Beth Shafran-Mukai, Workplan Chair
Re: Neighborhoods Commission Proposal
Date: May 19, 2007

This document describes a framework to support the growth of participatory democracy, increased community involvement, and civic engagement for all neighborhoods in San Jose.

Issue Statement: The City Council has stated their intent to assure that the views of all neighborhoods are considered on issues related to community quality of life. We agree that there must be an ongoing body to link and support all San Jose neighborhoods in the development of active neighborhood groups and to ensure a robust relationship between the City of San Jose and the community. We believe that the time is right to create a Neighborhoods Commission for this purpose.

As defined in Planning Outreach Policy 6-30, a "Neighborhood Group" is a group or organization that is representative of its' specific neighborhood, and whose primary purpose is the improvement of that Neighborhood. The neighborhood group is self-identified and provides an annual update of its' contact information to the City.

Analysis: Cities around the Country have developed different models to encourage resident involvement and empower neighborhoods. These range from decentralized coalitions to highly structured staff-supported organizations.

San Jose is a large and diverse city with many neighborhood groups, some established and some in the early process of formation. Neighborhood groups, both those within and outside of the redevelopment project areas share many of the same goals: attractive and safe neighborhoods, well-maintained public amenities, and a desire to have our neighborhood contributions acknowledged and input integrated into the decision making processes that affect our communities.

Mission: Support and advocate for all San Jose neighborhoods through community participation, communication, partnerships, shared accountability, and diverse community celebration.

Vision: Integrate the voices of all San Jose neighborhoods into San Jose's decision-making process.

Scope and Duties: The Neighborhoods Commission will advocate for all San Jose neighborhoods. The mission of this body is to integrate the voice of neighborhoods into the City of San Jose's decision-making processes. This includes the study, review, and evaluation of issues, courses of action, and policies/ programs affecting San Jose neighborhoods, and making recommendations to the City Council and Redevelopment Agency. The City Council would look to this body as a resource when reviewing matters with an impact on neighborhoods, and the Neighborhoods Commission would be consulted on matters of significant community interest that may come before the Council.

The Commission would be a forum for the following:

- Provide a neighborhood voice to City Leadership in prioritizing neighborhood spending, infrastructure, and quality of life issues.
- Consult with appropriate City Department/ Staff regarding documentation of best practices and to support the development of vibrant neighborhood organizations.
- Receive information from City Staff and offering advice and consultation on inter-neighborhood issues.

- May accept petitions from recognized neighborhood groups that request review.
- Promote enhanced communication and resolution of issues between neighborhoods and the City of San Jose.

Matters within its' scope will be agendized by the Neighborhoods Commission upon written request of any of the following: (1) the City Council, (2) the relevant city agency or department charged with the matter, (3) another Commission, or(4) ten neighborhoods commissioners. The Neighborhoods Commission may decline to address an issue that is felt to be outside of its scope.

The Neighborhoods Commission requests that the City Council (through the Neighborhood Services and Education Council Committee) provide yearly input regarding work plan items that the Commission can review and in doing so, add the benefit of neighborhood voices for robust and comprehensive civic engagement.

Relationships: The City Council is the final decision-making body. The Neighborhoods Commission would act in an advisory capacity to the Council and would work with both City and, when applicable, Redevelopment Agency Staff, and when appropriate, collaborate with other Commissions and Boards regarding neighborhood quality of life issues.

Qualifications and Appointment Process: The Commission will have equitable representation from throughout San Jose. There would be three representatives from each of the ten (10) Council Districts, for a total of thirty (30) members. All members must reside within the boundaries of the City of San Jose.

To empower neighborhoods, membership on this body will be effectively recommended by Neighborhood Caucus in each Council District, and will reflect the desires of the Neighborhood Groups.

Each of the neighborhood caucuses will demonstrate a method of assuring that participation in the process of the selection of Neighborhood Commission members will be open to all community stakeholders, participation in the neighborhood caucuses will strive to reflect the diverse ethnic, economic and cultural interests of the caucus area, and that the caucus process will, to the extent possible, allow every attendee to actively participate in the deliberation and decision-making process of the caucus (for further information please refer to "Neighborhood Outreach and Caucus Guideline/ Framework").

The existing neighborhood groups will select representatives to be seated on the Commission. Each District will have an annual caucus to review delegates and chose individuals to serve on the Commission. The caucus would be attended by the recognized neighborhood groups district-wide, and no neighborhood group shall be represented more than once within the caucus (only "one bite of the apple"). During the caucus process, each neighborhood group would exercise one vote on successive rounds until a majority is reached on a specific individual for a commission seat. This process shall continue until all three seats have been filled.

There will be rotating appointments of two year terms, with the effect being that half of the seats will be up for renewal each year (staggered appointments). The intent is that continuing of the work and programs of the Commission would be maintained, while encouraging developing new neighborhood leadership to become involved in the process. Of the three seats per district, members of a neighborhood group may not hold more than one seat of the three within that Council District. An individual may serve a maximum of four two-year terms.

The City and RDA will provide funding to staff and for operations of the Neighborhoods Commission.

Accountability: Reports would be made to Neighborhood Groups, Council, and Senior Staff on regular scheduled basis. An annual report would be presented at the yearly caucus by Council District.

Meetings: The Commission meets on (date and time to be chosen), City Hall, (room to be assigned). On average, Commissioners spend five (5) hours a month attending monthly meetings and an additional eight (8) hours per month on Commission business.

Benefits: There is no compensation for the members of the Neighborhoods Commission. However, from time to time, Commissioners may be reimbursed for approved expenses incurred on City business.

Political Reform Act: The Conflict of Interest Section of the Political Reform Act applies to the Strong Neighborhoods Commission; and Commissioners are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

Attendance Policy: Commission Members are expected to attend all Commission Meetings. San Jose Municipal Code Section 2.08.060 specifies that a Commissioner, who has unexcused absences from any three consecutive regular meetings, or 20% of the meetings in a calendar year, is deemed to have resigned from the Commission.

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SJRA News Release--National League of Cities picks San Jose Strong Neighborhoods as Award Winner

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National League of Cities picks San Jose Strong Neighborhoods as Award Winner Honor recognizes Cities and Towns for Municipal Excellences

SAN JOSE, Calif. --- The Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI), San Jose's successful community-driven neighborhood improvement program, has won the 2008 National League of Cities Gold Award for Municipal Excellence, an honor that recognizes outstanding programs that have improved the quality of life in cities and towns across the United States.

Strong Neighborhoods won the top award from a field of 10 finalists in the category of populations of more than 500,000. In all, 57 of 173 programs in 36 states were chosen as finalists in four population categories. Gold and silver awards are given in each category.

The winners will receive awards at a luncheon on Friday, November 14, at the League's Congress of Cities & Expositions in Orlando, Florida. Harry S. Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency, and Norberto Duenas, Deputy City Manager, will accept the award for San Jose.

"In San Jose, we are creating safe and livable neighborhoods," said Mayor Chuck Reed. "Our Strong Neighborhoods program connects residents with the resources they need to create change. Whether it's gang prevention, traffic calming or revitalization, residents partner with San Jose staff to make our neighborhoods better places to live and raise families."

The City of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency leaders launched the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) in 2000 as a collaborative, resident-focused approach to improve blight-ridden neighborhoods and build strong community relationships. Working through

neighborhood committees in 19 areas, residents and staff mapped out assets and developed Top Ten lists of priority improvement projects.

"The SNI program has helped to empower our residents to participate in activities that have improved their quality of life and their neighborhoods," said Harry S. Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency. "More importantly, we have been able to achieve tangible results by building nearly 3,000 affordable housing units, 50 new community facilities and spur approximately \$2 billion in private investments."

Of the 190 priorities initially proposed by the neighborhoods, 150 projects have been completed, and more are in the pipeline. The completed projects include street repaving, sidewalks, streetlights and new sewer systems, new parks and community centers, traffic calming, sprucing up business districts, and engaging residents in cleanups and helping them rehabilitate their homes.

Since 2000, the Agency and City have invested \$95 million in neighborhood priority projects. With much more work to be done, committees in the 19 areas, which encompass one-fourth of the city's 177 square miles and involve nearly 237,000 people, are setting new goals to be reached in the next three to five years.

The programs nominated for the Award for Municipal Excellence were judged on criteria, including public-private partnerships, resident and community collaborations, effective management of city resources, innovative government policies and projects with tangible results. Gold winners will receive \$2,000 to be donated to a local non-profit, and Silver winners receive \$1,000.

The award is sponsored by the National League of Cities and CH2M HILL, a private and worldwide engineering and construction firm.

Earlier this year, Strong Neighborhoods was honored for CommUniverCity, a partnership with San Jose State University, the City and the Redevelopment Agency. CommUniverCity finished first among eight finalists in the Best Neighborhood Program Social Revitalization category awarded by Neighborhoods, USA, a national non-profit organization. The new citywide Neighborhoods Commission, a pilot program generated through SNI, was a finalist in the category of Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships. The 30-member commission is designed to give neighborhoods a stronger voice in the decision-making process at City Hall.

About the San Jose Redevelopment Agency

The Agency is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live and work in San José. Governed by the City Council, the Agency facilitates and oversees comprehensive programs for development to revitalize and strengthen quality of life and competitiveness for San Jose's downtown, neighborhoods, and industrial areas. www.sjredevelopment.org

About the Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI)

The Strong Neighborhoods Initiative is a partnership of the community, City

of San José, and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency to build clean, safe, and attractive neighborhoods with independent and capable neighborhood organizations. The San Jose Redevelopment Agency Board/City Council adopted the Redevelopment Plan in 2002. www.strongneighborhoods.org.

About National League of Cities

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. More than 1,600 municipalities of all sizes pay dues to NLC and actively participate as leaders and voting members in the organization. www.nlc.org.

Parra-Garcia, Sabrina

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Parra-Garcia, Sabrina
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Stop Illegal Fireworks Committee - work item and assigned liaison

Categories: Neighborhoods

Dear Neighborhood Commissioners,

The Stop Illegal Fireworks in San Jose Committee very much appreciates that you have included "Illegal Fireworks" in your formal work plan. We understand that the former Neighborhood Commission liaison Dee Barrigan is no longer on your commission. As such, we would very much like to encourage a few things to keep this issue on the radar:

- 1) Our new liaison Mimi Hernandez is given our contact information so that she can begin to be included on our emails and in our meetings
- 2) The "Illegal Fireworks" item remain on your work plan
- 3) The item is agendaized on your next Y2018 meeting, specifically so that our committee can provide an update and we can hear next steps from your commission's perspective.

Please confirm what might be required of us to ensure your continued support of this very important item.

Thank you,

Suzanne Morrone
Chair, Stop Illegal Fireworks in San Jose Committee

Tina Morrill
Member, Stop Illegal Fireworks in San Jose Committee

Parra-Garcia, Sabrina

From: Barragan, Desiree
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Parra-Garcia, Sabrina
Subject: Thank you Neighborhoods Commission!

Categories: Neighborhoods

Dear Sabrina and Neighborhoods Commission,

I want to sincerely thank you for thinking of me and sharing a memento of appreciation as a 2016-17 Ad-Hoc Chair. I will always treasure the knowledge I obtained while serving as a Neighborhoods Commissioner and treasure all the friendships made. This commission holds a special place in my heart and I want to wish all of you a happy and safe holiday and a great 2018!

Sincerely,

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		FY2016-17		FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20
Category	Description	Approved	Findings	Approved	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
REVENUE	Annual revenue generated by the 1/4-cent sales tax increase.	30,000,000			\$36,000,000		
TRANSPORTATION							
Street Repair	Maintain and repair major streets - One-time funding for pavement maintenance funding. Total amount allocated to pavement in 2016-17 would be \$30.6 million, enough to fund annual need to pothole repairs and all major streets at the Council goal of pavement condition index of 70 (good).	\$17,700,000					
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Improve Fire, Medical Response	Restores ongoing overtime finding of \$2.4 million to maintain Fire Dept sworn minimum staffing levels to prevent "brown outs". Adds ongoing funding of \$1.25 million to Fire Dept for 3.0 Fire Fighter/Paramedic and 3.0 Engineer positions to restore one squad unit for Engine 30. Adds one-time funding of \$1.2 million to provide emergency vehicle preemption service at all signalized intersections.	\$4,850,000					

Improve Police Response	Effective 2017-18, adds ongoing funding of \$3.4 million to Police for 41.0 sworn positions (1.0 Lieutenant, 7.0 Sergeants, 33.0 Officers), increasing sworn staffing from 1,109 to 1,150 positions. The 2017-18 costs assume a Feb 2018 Police Academy start date; the annualized costs titak approx. \$6.9 million. *Due to the hiring delay, the 2016-17 one-time savings for sworn vacancies of \$3.26 million are recommended to fund other one-time public safety proposals.	\$3,260,000					
Station 37	One-time funding of \$2.21 million in Earmark Reserve as a down payment on preliminary additional estimates total amount of \$2.2 million needed to supplement General Obligation Bond funding of \$4.5 million to construct Fire Station 37 in Willow Glen and purchase necessary furniture, etc. With construction period of 3 years, the earliest the station would be operational would be 2019-20.	\$2,210,000					
Improve Burglary, Neighborhood Crime	Adds on-going funding of \$1.53 million for 14.0 Community Service Officer (CSO) /II, 4.0 Senior CSO, 1.0 Supervising CSO positions, as well as equipment costs with an academy stgart dat of March 2017 and street-readcy date of June 2017. The 2016-17 costs assume a March 1, 2017 start date; annualized costs total \$1.95 million.	\$1,530,000					

Expand Police Recruitment	Adds one-time funding of \$1.5 million for recruitment and hiring new and lateral police officers as well as retention efforts of existing sworn staff.	\$1,500,000						
Improve Crime Solving	Adds ongoing funding of \$210,000 for 5.0 Crime and Intelligence Analyst positions and equipment costs to support the Field Patrol (4.0 positions at 1.0 per Patrol Division) and Special Operations (1.0 position) programs. 2016-17 costs assume a January 1, 2017 start date; annualized costs total \$420,000.	\$210,000						
OTHER								
Reduce Homeless	Adds ongoing funding of \$2 million to double homeless rapid rehousing services. This proposal will bring total ongoing rapid rehousing funding to \$4 million annually.	\$2,000,000						