

March 8, 2017

Sharon Erickson, City Auditor
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Dear Sharon:

One of this year's Neighborhoods Commission's Ad-Hoc Committees has been studying the effectiveness of the Planning Department's "Development Noticing," usually referred to as Policy 6-30. The Ad-Hoc Chair, Terry Martin from Council District 9 has a request for your department to consider as noted below.

Sincerely,



Pete Kolstad, Chair
San Jose Neighborhoods Commission
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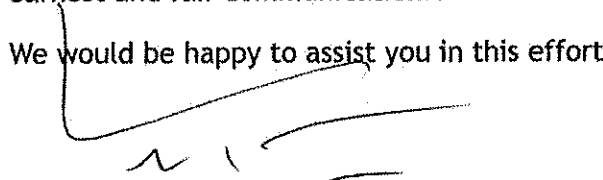
Request for the Neighborhoods Commission Ad-Hoc Committee on Development Noticing:

Auditor Erickson:

Subcommittees of Neighborhoods Commissioners have been studying problems reported from our neighborhoods outreach efforts for new developments in our City. Our residents feel the 500- and 1,000-foot noticing radii are outdated notions of who will be impacted. They also have concern about the timing of the notices and the languages used. What we have learned is that there is a lot of confusion about what Policy 6-30 covers and what it doesn't.

We ask that you consider auditing this policy and suggest a better way forward. We think the goal ought to be an updated policy that informs all affected and interested residents and relieves any concerns about earnest and fair communications.

We would be happy to assist you in this effort.



Terry Martin, District 9
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