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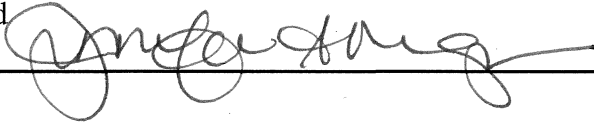
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Jon Cicirelli

**SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE – SAN JOSE  
LIGHT TOWER MONUMENT**

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## INFORMATION

The purpose of this information memorandum is to update the City Council on certain changes that have been made by San José Light Tower Corporation (SJLTC) in the process of executing their work. These changes were deemed necessary by SJLTC to ensure success in the competition.

## BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2019, the City Council: a) accepted the results of a site selection study completed by SJLTC; and b) endorsed SJLTC's plan for an International Ideas Competition.<sup>1</sup> (See Item 5.2 of the March 12, 2019 City Council agenda).

Since that Council action, the SJLTC team has been working to implement an International Ideas Competition that will generate concept designs for the site location at Arena Green. A Competition Brief was developed and posted on the project web site (<https://www.urbanconfluencesiliconvalley.org/>) and numerous outreach sessions have been held for potential entrants, both on-site and on-line, and the competition is now underway.

## ANALYSIS

Since the City Council took action on March 12, 2019, SJLTC has made the following changes in its project:

- 1) The winning idea will be selected by the end of 2020 (not by January 31, 2020);

<sup>1</sup> <https://sanjose.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3871636&GUID=6E11BF0F-5D33-4866-80BE-0811F12A3BEC>

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- 2) Stipends for the three finalists increased from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per finalist; and
- 3) The jury will consist of a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 15 jurors. The requirement for 11 jurors was established in a memorandum from Councilmember Peralez that was incorporated into the March 12, 2019 Council action. Councilmember Peralez' memo stipulated stakeholders to be included in the jury. Those stakeholders will be included in the expanded jury, with additional jurors coming from the national and international design community.

Work on the project will continue with staff from the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Public Works, and the Office of Economic Development providing support as necessary. The SJLTC team has also reviewed their competition approach in a meeting with the City Attorney's Office in January and confirmed that the Ideas Competition does not pose concerns relating to City Charter or City Ordinances.

/s/

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