



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Vice Mayor Judy Chirco
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 21, 2009

Approved

Date

5/21/09

RECOMMENDATION

Judy Chirco PH

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Distinctive Neighborhoods Program

Amount of City Funding Required: \$30,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) Neighborhood Improvement Fund

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Department or Organization: Planning Department

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services

X Neighborhood Services

- Public Safety or Strategic Support or Transportation and Aviation Services