



Memorandum

TO: Rules Committee

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: Proposal to Convert Agnews
Development Center To a
State Prison

DATE: February 7, 2007

Approved

Chuck Reed

Date

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the San Jose City Council adopt a resolution in opposition to the proposal to convert Agnews Development Center to a state prison.

BACKGROUND

This week it was announced that several legislators are seeking to ease inmate overcrowding by possibly converting several developmental centers, including Agnews, into prisons.

This proposal would interfere with longstanding plans for commercial and residential development in North San Jose. North San Jose is the most vibrant tech community in Silicon Valley and host to the largest concentration of driving industry technology companies and jobs. It is an area that strengthens the local and state economy. This proposal could cause these companies to rethink their investment in San Jose.