ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE ESTABLISHING A NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE:

SECTION 1. Commission Established.

The Neighborhoods Commission is hereby established for a two-year pilot period, beginning April 1, 2008 and ending March 31, 2008.

SECTION 2. Members.

A. The Commission shall consist of 30 members appointed by the City Council with three (3) members appointed from each of the ten (10) Council Districts.

B. To be eligible to serve, each member of the Commission must reside within the boundaries of the Council District to which he or she was appointed for the duration of the term of that seat.

C. Members shall be appointed by the City Council, after taking into consideration recommendations provided by Neighborhood Groups in each Council District.

SECTION 3. Neighborhood Group Defined.

"Neighborhood Groups" means those groups that meet the definition of Neighborhood Groups as set forth in Planning Outreach Policy 6-30 and that are officially registered with the City prior to the deadline for the Neighborhood Groups to submit recommended names to Council.

SECTION 4. **Term of Office.**

Members of the Commission shall be appointed for the two (2) year pilot period of the Commission.

SECTION 5. **Vacancies.**

A. In addition to the reasons the provisions set forth in Title 2, Section 2.08.050 of the San Jose Municipal Code, a vacancy shall occur when a member fails to meet the district residency requirement set forth in this ordinance.

B. First and second alternate members per Council District may be appointed by the Council for the purpose of filling any vacancies that arise during the two year period of the Commission.

SECTION 6. **Functions, Powers and Duties.**

A. The Commission shall have the following functions, powers, and duties:

1. Study, review, and evaluate issues, courses of action, and policies/ programs affecting San Jose neighborhoods, and make recommendations to the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board regarding such issues, but only as set forth in the Commission's workplan which must be approved by City Council.

2. Provide quarterly updates regarding the Commission's work to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee.

B. The Commission's mission and work shall not duplicate the mission and work of any other board or commission in existence at the time this ordinance is approved by Council.

C. The Commission's work shall not function as a level of review for land use projects.

<u>SECTION 7.</u> **Quorum**

A majority of the total number of member seats, filled or vacant, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the Commission to take action, although a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION of title this _____ day of _____, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

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CHUCK REED
Mayor

ATTEST:

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LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk