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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Ken Yeager

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 21, 2006

APPROVED:

DATE: 11-14-06

SUBJECT: Amendment to the nutrition specifications for City of San Jose vending machines.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of an amendment to the nutritional guidelines for City of San Jose vending machines that were adopted by the City Council on March 14, 2006. The recommended amendment is to relax the requirement of 2 grams of dietary fiber to allow dairy products.

OUTCOME:

This action will authorize the Director of Finance to execute an amendment of the agreement with Action Vending Services for vending services at City facilities by excluding dairy products from the nutrition specification of 2 grams of dietary fiber. The new nutritional standard for dairy products for City vending machines snacks will allow for new healthy food selections to be added to the vending machines while still maintaining all other standards adopted by the City on March 14, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

On March 14, 2006, the Council approved the nutrition specifications for "Healthy Choices in City Vending Machines." After implementation of the contract, representatives from the health community notified my office that dairy products could be excluded from the vending machines because they are naturally low in dietary fiber. Upon further research, even though dairy products may not contain a high level of dietary fiber, they may contain important dietary benefits, like protein, calcium, magnesium, riboflavin, vitamins B-6 and B-12.

COORDINATION:

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Finance Department.