



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Ash Kalra

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 4, 2009

Approved

Date

11-4-09

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

Support the appointment of a temporary Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council to discuss San Jose's financial outlook and to make recommendations addressing the City's projected budget shortfall. Appoint the chairs of the policy committees as the members of the Ad Hoc Committee, specifically Councilmembers Pyle, Nguyen, Liccardo, and Campos. Additionally, appoint Councilmembers Constant and Pyle as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Chairs of the Community and Economic Development Committee, the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee, the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee, and the Transportation and Environment Committee have a depth of expertise that uniquely qualifies them to oversee the process of stakeholder outreach, review recommendations for the elimination of the budget shortfall, and provide input and feedback on the City Manager's Program Prioritization Process. Having served on their respective committees for years, the Chairs of the policy committees also have substantial experience working collaboratively with staff on policy development. For these reasons, the Chairs of the policy committees are best qualified to participate in the efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee to address the City's budget shortfalls. Additionally, having two co-chairs will help to facilitate the meetings and allow for a greater diversity in leadership at the helm of this important effort. As Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, Councilmember Pyle has been a fierce advocate for economic development and would complement the experience Councilmember Constant has as outlined in the Mayor's memo of November 2, 2009.