

San José Neighborhoods Commission

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Neighborhoods Commission Work Plan

2009-2010 Work Plan Priorities

Mission: 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.

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Priority Goal Area : Civic Engagement

2009-2010 Outcome: Increase the ability of San Jose residents to better understand and participate in City of San Jose government.

Objectives:

- Create a collaborative City/ Neighborhood model that will provide resources and empower neighborhoods to “get things done themselves” in an era of continuing government budget shortfalls
- Increase visibility of the Neighborhood Commission within the City to help the commission be effective in its mission
- Review and recommend improvements to the City’s Community Engagement Policy

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Priority Goal Area : Communication and Outreach

2009-2010 Outcome: Increase the ability of neighborhood associations to better communicate with the City of San Jose and each other

Objectives:

- Establish a feedback mechanism that will enhance communication and allow neighborhood voices to be heard by the City Council
- Communicate with neighborhoods through annual caucus process
- Provide effective communications training to all commissioners to give them the tools to best represent their neighborhoods and to improve communications flow with their neighborhood groups

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Priority Goal Area : Integration and alignment of neighborhood priorities with the City of San Jose budget priorities

2009-2010 Outcome: Commission will forward recommendations for aligned neighborhood priorities to Mayor and City Council

Objectives:

- Commission, in partnership with Mayor and Council offices, will participate in the community process to gather neighborhood input for the 2010-2011 budget process
- Commission will participate in the process to review City budget priorities in order to provide feedback on neighborhood needs
- Commission, in partnership with Mayor and Council, will help distribute information about the San Jose budget process to neighborhood leaders