

COUNCIL AGENDA: 03-23-10
ITEM: 2.15

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

**SUBJECT: HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

DATE: 03-18-10

RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on March 17, 2010 and outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to the Rules and Open Government Committee, approve the appointments of Carmen Johnson and Melanie Espino to serve as Committee Members on the Healthy Neighborhoods Leadership Committee.



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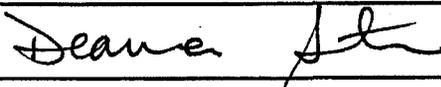
**TO: Rules and Open Government
Committee**

FROM: Norberto Duenas

**SUBJECT: HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

DATE: 03-10-10

Approved



Date

3/12/10

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the appointments of Carmen Johnson and Melanie Espino to serve as Committee Members on the Healthy Neighborhoods Leadership Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Healthy Neighborhoods Leadership Committee's (Committee) purpose is to set policy direction, facilitate interagency collaboration, evaluate emerging needs and assist in advancing the goals of the City Council-approved Healthy Neighborhoods Strategic Workplan. The Committee promotes collaboration with other entities having similar interests in maximizing the well-being of the San José community and also makes recommendations for the disbursement of the Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund grants.

The Committee is a seven-member body made up of the following:

- Seat One and Two: Two (2) San Jose Council Members to be appointed by the Mayor of San Jose;
- Seat Three and Four: Two (2) members at-large to be appointed by the City Council; and
- Seats Five through Seven: Three (3) members from partner organizations to be appointed by the City Council.

Currently, there are two vacant seats; one member at-large and one partner organization. An Ad-Hoc Subcommittee was appointed in June 18, 2009, to recruit and select individuals to fill the vacant positions. The Subcommittee was responsible for developing a recruitment strategy and selection criteria that would ensure successful appointments to the Committee.

ANALYSIS

Appointing the two recommended candidates will fill the remaining vacant seats on the Committee. Below is a brief description of each candidate.

Carmen Johnson

Carmen Johnson has a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the needs of people in San Jose, especially of seniors. For ten years, Ms. Johnson was the Program Director for the Eastside Senior Community Center using her expertise to collaborate with many County and City agencies serving the elderly. In addition, she collaborated with Stanford University on its investigation on Alzheimer's disease. Currently, Ms. Johnson is a Spanish teacher to middle school students at West Valley Middle School of Action Day Primary Plus. She is a strong supporter of healthy lifestyles for the elderly and youth and will add a meaningful perspective to the Committee, representing a Member At-Large.

Melanie Espino

As the Director of Business Development at the Silicon Valley Council on Aging, Melanie Espino oversees the planning, implementation and evaluation of new programs and initiatives that serve the community of seniors and disabled adults in Santa Clara County. Ms. Espino also collaborates closely with many community-based organizations, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department. Ms. Espino's knowledge of aging and adolescent issues will add value while serving on the Committee, representing a Partner Organization.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

The City Attorney's Office routinely reviews applications to City boards and commissions. Although the applications do not provide complete information, they do occasionally disclose potential conflicts of interest or incompatible offices. According to the Attorney's Office, the applicants appear to have no incompatible offices or pervasive conflicts of interest, which would interfere with performance of Committee member duties.



NORBERTO DUENAS
Deputy City Manager