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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Councilmember Kansen Chu  
Councilmember Donald Rocha

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's June Budget Message

**DATE:** June 10, 2011

**APPROVED:**

*Kansen Chu*  
*Don Rocha*

**DATE:**

*6/10/2011*

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## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Mayor's June Budget Message with the following amendment:

Allocate savings from the Mayor and City Council Office re-budget amounts to restore the Youth Outreach Specialist position.

## ANALYSIS:

Restoring funding for the Youth Outreach Specialist position is critical for the continued development and training of our future generation. The Youth Outreach Specialist provides guidance and support for our Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Councils.

Over the past few years, the San José Youth Commission has earned public recognition for its City Wide Youth Conference, an event organized by our youth commission in order to empower youth across the City of San José and their ability to inform, inspire, and empower youth to become civic leaders in their neighborhoods.

The support of our Youth Outreach Specialist is crucial to the success of our youth commission and youth advisory councils. In order for commissions and councils to succeed, there is a need for dedicated staff who has time to work and support youth leadership, development, and empowerment. Staff is responsible for creating space to encourage critical thinking, encouraging collaboration, promoting responsibilities, and sparking the interest of the members. In addition, staff is able to provide the essential link in connecting youth to local government.