



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Norberto Dueñas

**SUBJECT:** ACTIONS RELATED TO THE  
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION

**DATE:** 06-10-11

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Approved  Date 6/10/11

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28178 to adjust the dates of the two-year pilot for the Neighborhoods Commission to reflect an extension of the Commission to December 31, 2011.

## OUTCOME

Approval of this recommendation by the Mayor and City Council will extend the Neighborhoods Commission pilot project to December 31, 2011.

## BACKGROUND

At the September 25, 2007 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the creation of the Neighborhoods Commission pilot project. Caucuses were held in each of the Council Districts between May and August 2008 to select three commissioners from each district for a total of 30 commissioners. The Commission has been acting since June 2009.

The commission's mission is to study, review and evaluate issues, courses of action and policies/programs affecting San Jose neighborhoods, and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board regarding such issues but only as set forth in the Commission's work plan which must be approved by the Mayor and City Council after review and approval by the Neighborhood Services and Education (NSE) Committee.

## ANALYSIS

The purpose of this memorandum is to request the Council to amend the ordinance establishing the pilot term of the Commission to extend it through December 31, 2011. The Administration has provided the support for the activities of the commission's approved work plan priorities over the course of the two-year pilot. Due to the extraordinary budget challenges and the outreach work of the commission during the budget process, delaying the evaluation of this pilot project to December, 2011 will provide the Administration and the Mayor and the City Council

more time for a comprehensive review and analysis on the work of the commission and a discussion on the future of the project.

The amended ordinance will extend the term of the Commission to December 31, 2011 and will provide that all Commissioners in place as of June 30, 2011 will continue in office until then.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP**

Should this recommendation be adopted, the Administration will present an evaluation report on the work of the commission at the December 8, 2011 Neighborhood Services and Education (NSE) Committee.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
  
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
  
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach). **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This item does not meet the above criteria requiring additional notification; however, it will be posted on the City's Council Agenda Website for the June 21, 2011, City Council Meeting.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct cost implications associated with this item.

Honorable Mayor and City Council

June 10, 2011

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**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Not applicable

**CEQA**

Not a Project, File No. PP10-069.



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