



## Memorandum

*Chuck Reed*

**TO:** RULES & OPEN GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Mayor Chuck Reed

**SUBJECT:** PLUG-IN ELECTRIC  
HYBRID VEHICLES

**DATE:** April 3, 2007

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### RECOMMENDATION

Request that the Transportation & Environment Committee study and report to the City Council a recommendation of whether the City of San José should join in the Plug-In Partners National Campaign.

### BACKGROUND

The Plug-In Partners National Campaign was started by the City of Austin, Texas to persuade automakers to manufacture plug-in electric hybrid vehicles. Their goal is to reduce the country's reliance of foreign oil, decrease air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and address rising fuel costs. The campaign has been joined by many major cities across the country and is supported locally by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Plug-in electric hybrid vehicles have more powerful batteries than current hybrid vehicles and are able to be charged in a standard electric socket. These vehicles are able to be driven between 20 and 60 miles without using gasoline. Once the battery charge is depleted, the vehicle seamlessly switches to gasoline.

