



Memorandum

TO: Rules Committee
FROM: Councilmember
Sam Liccardo
SUBJECT: ENVISION SAN JOSE 2040
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
TASK FORCE – MEMBERSHIP
DATE: June 9, 2009

APPROVED:

DATE: 6/10/09

In my capacity as Co-Chair of Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Task Force, I respectfully request the following item be placed on the next City Council agenda:

- Consideration of the appointment of Brian Darrow, Director of Land Use and Urban Policy for Working Partnerships USA to the 2040 General Plan Update.

Council adopted a Membership Replacement Policy that requires a vacancy after the first six months of the process (March 17, 2008) not be filled. City Council appointed Mary Creasman in June 2009 to replace Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins, Executive Officer of South Bay Labor Council. Ms. Creasman has since resigned her position. Labor Council now requests that City Council appoint Brian Darrow, Associate Director of Land Use and Urban Planning for Working Partnerships. Labor Council makes this request to ensure the broader labor community continues to participate in critical discussions occurring during task force deliberations.

Given the volume and technical nature of materials Envision must review, members felt it would be time consuming for all involved to bring a new appointment up to speed, but Mr. Darrow appears to present a unique situation, however; as he asserts that:

- He has read all task force materials and presentations as well as the existing San Jose General Plan 2020.
- He briefed Ms. Ellis-Lamkins and subsequently, Ms. Creasman prior to all task force meetings. In addition, he has met with a number of interested community members and organizations regarding the work of Envision.
- He attended 19 of the 22 Envision task force meetings held to date.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Joe Horwedel, Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement