



Memorandum

**TO: Rules and Open
Government Committee**

FROM: Councilmember Rose Herrera

**SUBJECT: Reappointments to the
Advisory Commission on Rents**

DATE: November 20, 2009

Approved

Date:

11/20/09

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to retain dedicated commissioners and fill vacancies on the Advisory Commission on Rents, I recommend:

1. The reappointment of James Bojorquez and Darrold "Dan" Wagner, and
2. The City Clerk continue to recruit applicants for this commission

BACKGROUND:

The commission advises the City Council and the Administration on the Rental Dispute and Mediation hearing process and recommends changes or amendments to improve this hearing process. This commission is composed of two tenant representatives that must live in rent controlled apartments, two landlord representatives, and three neutral positions.

Mr. Bojorquez and Mr. Wagner are responsible, knowledgeable members that bring valuable experience and perspectives to the commission. Currently, the commission chair James Bojorquez serves as a neutral commissioner. Dan Wagner, a District 3 resident, serves as a tenant representative.

I ask that the City Clerk continue to seek applications for tenant and landlord representatives for this commission.



Memorandum

TO: Rules Committee

FROM: Councilmember Constant

SUBJECT: Senior Citizens
Appointment

DATE: November 24, 2009

Approved

Date 11-24-09

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the City Council appoint the following individuals to Senior Citizens Commission:

Joyce Rabourn
Judith Marie Heyter
Nancy Williamson
Milton Cadena
Chaitanya Vaidya

BACKGROUND

Joyce Rabourn has been a resident of San José for over 40 years and resides in District 6. Ms. Robourn is very knowledgeable about the issues facing San José's older adult community, such as housing foreclosures and the need for accessible transportation and senior recreation activities. She has shown excellent leadership skills by chairing many local committees and organizations. Ms. Rabourn has received two Volunteer of the Year for her community service.

Judith Marie Heyter, a District 2 resident, has experience in leadership roles that will help her serve the City of San José on the Senior Citizens Commission. Ms. Heyter served on the City of Berkeley's Child Care Commission, is currently the Vice President of the Southside Senior Boutique and is on the nomination committee for her condo association's election. Ms. Heyter has an accounting background which will serve her well as the commission makes recommendations in tough budget times.

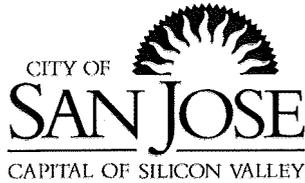
Nancy Williamson resides in District 10. Ms Williamson currently teaches a citizenship class at the Center for Employment Training in San José. This experience has increased her knowledge of the issues that elderly immigrants face in our city. She has volunteered at Senior Legal Services in Sacramento, as a mediator. She is also the primary caregiver for her mother, giving her firsthand experience with the needs of caregivers and depended seniors.

Milton Cadena, of District 3, is bilingual in Spanish and English and has extensive leadership experience, working on senior issues. As the Director of Eastside Neighborhood Center of Catholic Charities, Mr. Cadena has worked with low-income seniors seeking help on a variety of issues, ranging from legal aid to recreation and health services. He has attended two National and many local conferences on aging. Mr. Cadena also completed a one-year fellowship with "New Ventures in Leadership" (American Society on Aging) where he networked with professionals in the field of aging, and participated in workshops lectures and study groups.

Rules Committee Agenda:

Item:

Chaitanya Vaidya, from District 4, has lived in San José for over 26 years. Mr. Vaidya has demonstrated a commitment to community involvement by volunteering for numerous projects with the City of San José. His experience as a Project Manger has given him the leadership skills needed to excel on the Senior Commission. He has volunteered for the Federation of Indo-American Associates, Senior Citizens division. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his commitment, dedication and contributions.



Memorandum

TO: RULES COMMITTEE
FROM: Albert Balagso
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW
DATE: November 25, 2009

Approved

Date

11-25-09

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN ASSISTANCE NETWORK (ICAN)

INFORMATION

On October 9, 2009, the City Clerk entered into the public record the attached letter from the International Children Assistance Network (ICAN) addressed to the Rules Committee. The letter requests that the Mayor and City Council consider allocating "some of the \$155,000 savings recently realized by the San Jose Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund (HNVF) to address the critical service gap in the City: the Vietnamese community, which accounts for 11% of San Jose's population." This memorandum provides an update on the actions of the Healthy Neighborhoods Leadership Committee (HNLC) and the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) as they pertain to the recently-realized unallocated funds and to ICAN's request.

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2009-2010 Adopted Budget, the City Council approved the HNVF community-based organization allocations totaling \$4.0 million. In this approval, the Council delegated authority to the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) to execute subsequent allocations and agreements in anticipation of negotiated savings and unallocated funds. City Council also directed HNVF staff to return to the HNLC with a plan for distributing any unallocated 2009-2010 HNVF funds and to perform an analysis of potential service gaps to the Asian community.

Through the contracting process, the Administration identified a total of \$260,000 in available funding. The HNLC appointed an ad hoc subcommittee (Subcommittee) in August to assist in establishing criteria and a process for the reallocation of the identified funds.

ANALYSIS

Allocation and Available Funding – At the October 15, 2009, HNLC meeting, the Subcommittee provided a recommendation for allocating newly-available funds. The Subcommittee recommended using the ranked Eligible Service Provider list (approved by the City Council in the 2009-2010 budget process) to allocate the available funds and to utilize the ranked Eligible Service Provider list should any additional funds become available before the next competitive process. In the process for determining a methodology for reallocating the remaining funds, the Subcommittee determined that using the Council-approved ranked Eligible Service Provider list developed through the 2009 request for proposals (RFP) process, was the most effective, equitable, and timely method for reallocation. The Subcommittee did not recommend a method other than the ranked list because any other method would require the use information and data that was not a part of the RFP process.

The HNLC approved the allocation of funds to the following six agencies and projects, and the Director of PRNS is currently executing agreements, as authorized by the City Council. The 2009-2010 Adopted Budget funded the first 53 projects from the Eligible Service Provider list. This additional funding is for projects 54 through 59.

AGENCY	PROJECT	FUNDING
54. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	CORAL Moves Program	\$ 56,250
55. Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley	Diabetes Prevention & Lifestyle Balance Program	\$ 17,644
56. Community Partners for Youth, Inc.	Step-Up to Brighter Futures	\$ 56,250
57. Rohi Alternative Community Outreach	THRIVE	\$ 28,373
58. Sacred Heart Community Services	Turn the Tide Youth Education Program	\$ 45,278
59. City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley	Whole School, Whole Child— LUCHA Elementary School	\$ 56,250
TOTAL		\$ 260,045

The effective date for all six agreements will be January 1, 2010.

Analysis of Service Gaps – As part of the 2009-2010 Adopted Budget, the City Council directed staff to research service gaps (including service gaps to the Asian Community) to facilitate the allocation of future funding within the context of the HNVF Allocation Plan. This analysis will help identify where HNVF funds might best be directed in the context of research, community profiles and other funding sources within the community. While ICAN correctly states that 47% of HNVF-funded youth programs and 32% of HNVF-funded senior programs serve Asians, additional information and data is needed to determine if that fund allocation appropriately aligns to gaps in community.

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The analysis of service gaps is scheduled to be presented to the Healthy Neighborhoods Leadership Committee in June 2010—in time for the next competitive process in Fall 2010.

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ALBERT BALAGSÓ
Director of Parks Recreation and
Neighborhood Services

For questions, please contact Jay Castellano, Deputy Director, at 408-535-3571

ATTACHMENT



Stronger Communities
Healthier Kids

October 1, 2009 .

Mayor Chuck Reed & City Council
City Manager's office
200 E. Santa Clara St
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Allocating HNVF funds to provide services to the underserved Vietnamese community

Dear Mayor & City Council,

I am writing to urge you to use some of the \$155,000 savings recently realized by San Jose Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF) to address the critical service gap in the City: the Vietnamese community, which accounts for 11% of San Jose's population, is still without adequate services.

At the Council meeting on June 16, 2009, many Council Members have raised concerns about the underserved populations, particularly the Vietnamese and the blind groups. Yet there is no clear plan to look at the needs of ethnic/special needs communities; the current approach is still very much of a 'color-blind' look at city needs. This is particularly alarming given that more than 63% of San Jose is comprised of immigrants (Hispanic and Asians account for 33% and 31% of San Jose, respectively).

We are seriously concerned that the needs of the Vietnamese population are still being ignored. At the June 2009 meeting, the City Council has asked for gap analysis and a clearer picture of services provided to the Vietnamese community. Yet there is no Asian voice on the HNVF ad-hoc committee to advocate for services to Asians in general, and Vietnamese in particular. The current data reported by HNVF citing that "47% of HNVF funded youth programs and 32% of HNVF funded senior programs serve Asians" are still very vague, and do not clearly indicate that Vietnamese are receiving adequate services. We would like to see more detailed data, especially data on programs funded by HNVF that specifically target the Vietnamese community, for we believe that our community has grown too large (11% of city's population), and cannot be adequately served by broad stroke, general programs.

At the San Jose Census 2010 Open House on 9/28/09, Mayor Reed called on everyone to get an accurate census count, because every missing person will cause the city to lose \$1,200 in federal and state funding. ICAN is joining hands with other Vietnamese American groups in the Vietnamese Complete Count Committee to raise awareness and get our community to be counted, as the Vietnamese population has been historically under-reported. We ask the City Council, in return, to fulfill its responsibilities in understanding our needs and ensuring that the Vietnamese community receive adequate services to address our needs.

The current economic crisis is putting so much more stress on already struggling immigrant parents and the children ultimately suffer. More than ever, Vietnamese families need culturally appropriate and targeted services like ICAN's Happy 5 parenting workshops and radio to help them get more help/services, get more positive parenting skills, and to help them cope with the stress and find ways to resolve the issues instead of lashing out on their children.

Please let us know if we could be of any assistance in any way. Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Quyen Vuong, Executive Director

International Children Assistance Network

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