



AGENDA: 6-15-11  
ITEM:

# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Councilmember Donald  
Rocha

**SUBJECT:** FISCAL REFORM PLAN

**DATE:** 06-10-11

Approved

*Don Rocha*

Date

*6/10/11*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

I respectfully request that the Committee consider deferring the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 action on the City Manager's Fiscal Reform Plan along with the additional Council direction, and consider the item for a Special Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This would allow staff more time to do the necessary analysis and to be able to provide essential information. In the interest of open government it would also be helpful to have the item's supporting documents by Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> which will allow Council the necessary time to analyze the staff reports.

## **BACKGROUND**

We all recognize pension reform is an incredibly complex and important issue; it could be one of the most important decisions that this Council will make for the future of San Jose. Given the importance of this issue, coupled with the heavy agenda load on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the short timeline that staff was given to provide this information at the May 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, I think the City and community would benefit from allowing additional time.

Further, at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Rules Committee meeting, the possibility of adding an additional hearing date was considered and it was mentioned as a discussion topic for this Rules meeting. I would appreciate if action on the Fiscal Reform Plan was included in that discussion, and that the Director of Retirement Services be present for the Council discussion on the Fiscal Reform Plan. To date, our staff has done a phenomenal amount of work, but if we tie their hands with difficult timelines then we may limit our options and opportunities to succeed on this important measure.