

Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Dennis Hawkins, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
December 2 - 8, 2011

DATE: December 9, 2011

ITEMS TRANSMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

- (a) Letter to Councilmember Liccardo from Leslee Hamilton dated December 2, 2011 regarding "the support of a ban on Polystyrene."
- (b) Letters to Mayor Reed and the City Council from Betty Chopoff dated December 2, 2011 regarding various topics.
- (c) Letter to Mayor Reed and the City Council from David Wall dated December 7, 2011 regarding "What are the 'hidden costs' of the 'Ballot Measure' borne by taxpayers."
- (d) Letter to Mayor Reed and the City Council from David Wall dated December 7, 2011 regarding "Elected State and Federal representatives should be providing 'Lobbyist functions' at 'no additional costs' to San Jose taxpayers."
- (e) Letter to Mayor Reed and City Council from David Wall dated December 8, 2011 regarding "LIVE AT CITY HALL... 'THE LOVE MACHINE!' Tickets could sale @ OED."
- (f) Letter to Mayor Reed and the City Council from Martha O'Connell dated December 8, 2011 regarding "Reasonable Question by Councilmember Herrera – Commission Consolidation."

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City Clerk

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Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

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The Honorable Sam Liccardo
Chair, Transportation & Environment Committee
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA 95113

Dear Chair Liccardo and Commissioners:

Michael Bangs
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Rebecca Dishotsky
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Guadalupe River Park Conservancy (GRPC) provides community leadership for the development and active use of San Jose's central park through education, advocacy, and stewardship. We are collaborating with the City to create a world-class attraction for residents and visitors.

Polystyrene products get swept into storm drains that then empty into our creeks and rivers. The debris that isn't carried out to San Francisco Bay ends up lodged in branches and plants along the banks of waterways such as the Guadalupe, harming wildlife and creating visual blight. The Regional Water Control Board declared the Guadalupe River an impaired waterway due to the amount of trash it carries into San Francisco Bay.

Our staff and board members frequently give tours of the park to potential corporate and individual donors. Trash in the river – the majority of it plastic or Styrofoam – creates a very negative first impression and detracts from the urban oasis image we are cultivating.

Council of Advisors

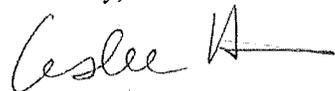
In our role as stewards, we mobilize volunteers to pick up trash on a weekly basis so we are very aware of the impact of polystyrene products on our landscape and waterways. We have adopted the section of the Guadalupe River from Coleman Ave. to Hwy. 880 and coordinate river clean ups in May and September in conjunction with national river and coastal clean-up promotions. These litter collection days yield an astonishing amount of trash that then gets hauled to the local landfill.

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We strongly support a city-wide ordinance that would move to replace foam food and beverage containers with products more easily managed by municipal recycling facilities, as we believe the implementation will result in a significant decrease in the number of polystyrene products that end up in local waterways.

Thank you for your efforts to encourage environmental sustainability.

Sincerely,



Leslee Hamilton
Executive Director



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DENNIS HAWKINS

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: December 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Handwritten notes from Betty Chopoff to the Mayor and Council regarding various topics:

- (a) Council Policy 0-15 section 6 – Outside Employment
- (b) Rental of Emma Prusch Park for special events

The Office of the City Clerk received correspondence from Ms. Chopoff expressing her thoughts on various topics.

Letters on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Dennis Hawkins, CMC
City Clerk

For questions, please contact Dennis Hawkins, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1275.

David S. Wall

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December 7, 2011

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113-1905

Re: What are the "hidden costs" of the "Ballot Measure" borne by taxpayers?

You should all be forthcoming with the use and amount of taxpayer monies used to craft the "Ballot Measure" which pertains to employee pensions and retirement calculations.

You should also be forthcoming with an honest declaration admitting the actual and proximate cause of the City's dire financial situation is due to YOUR bumbling and incompetent decisions in not appropriately funding "employee pensions" while "giving money away for political purposes and personal political gain."

The language below speaks for itself and is an ongoing "Public Record Request" filed under the appropriate cover and format.

Request for PUBLIC RECORD INFORMATION

This request for Public Record information concerns itself with the City of San José; Office of the Mayor, Office of City Manager and any and all other "Offices, Departments, etc. with the City" with reference to the "Ballot Measure" that pertains to employee and retiree compensation.

- Please list the City Departments and outside parties "contracted" (such as Consultants and Law Firms, etc.) that were hired to assist in the "Ballot" process as of the date of this letter.
- Please list the amount of taxpayer money (and from what FUND source, General FUND, etc.) that was used to fund the aforementioned "Ballot" process as of the date of this letter.
- The Department of Retirement Services input will be required to assist in the answer to the following inquiries;

Is the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) already calculated into the employee's pension agreement?

Is the COLA money going to be used by Mayor and Council to "pay down the unfunded pension liabilities?"

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wall

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December 7, 2011

Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
 200 East Santa Clara Street
 San José, California 95113-1905

Re: Elected State and Federal representatives should be providing "Lobbyist functions" at "no additional costs" to San José taxpayers.

What are the costs of information gathered by "Lobbyists?"

Is Office of Intergovernmental Relations a protracted waste of taxpayer monies?

For all too long a costly bureaucracy exists at City Hall under the name,

The Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR).

I contend the information asked for and received by Council through the OIR and paid Lobbyists, should be provided "free of charge" by the City of San José's representatives elected to; the California Senate and Assembly and by the representatives elected to the Congress and Senate of the United States negating the expense of the OIR program and paid lobbyist costs.

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Request for PUBLIC RECORD INFORMATION

This request for Public Record information concerns itself with the City of San José; Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

- **Please provide the cost of the "Office of Intergovernmental Relations" program and FUND source.**
- **Please identify the City's lobbyists in Sacramento, California and Washington, D.C.; the costs for each and FUND source.**

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Wall
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Mayor Reed and Members San José City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113-1905

Re: LIVE AT CITY HALL...“THE LOVE MACHINE!” Tickets could on sale @ OED.

Father Eddy & the Antioch Baptist Gospel Choir’s “Motown Magic” LIVE at Council meetings?

Prayer with neck, shoulder and booty shaking “Motown Classics”, is this a recipe for revival?

Contentious and hostile verbal battles at City Council meetings replaced with joyous participation?

Tuesday’s City Council meeting (12.06.11) was a raucous affair with “no love for nobody, nowhere and no how” and that is not the way a City Council meeting should be.

During the hostile testimony during Tuesday’s Council meeting, by the justified and honorable city employees who have been systematically abused and tormented unnecessarily by some members of the City Council; an innovative moment occurred.

Council meetings need to be “spruced up a bit”. What if the calming pastoral guidance by “Father Eddy, S.J. and “Live Music” by the Antioch Baptist Gospel Choir could be integrated into the agenda at various points before or after contentious Agenda Items?

Consider the usual boring city council meeting format. Then consider Mayor Reed interrupting the proceedings with several performances from the “Love Machine” a name of a band that “Father Eddy, S.J. and Antioch Baptist Gospel Choir” could call themselves. This would serve to entertain and soothe the ravaged souls from a little Prayer by Father Eddy, S.J.; with neck, shoulder and booty shaking “Motown Classics” performed by the Antioch Baptist Gospel Choir.

The musicians comprising the rest of the “Love Machine” band would have to be determined by the music director of the Antioch Baptist Gospel Choir.

The musicians would include; Bass, Rhythm, & Lead Guitars; Horn section: Saxophones, trumpets, coronets, trombones; Keyboards: piano, organ, synthesizer; String section: Violins, Violas, Cellos; Percussion: Dual percussion systems (two drummers & their hardware), Congo & bongo percussionist. Other musician specialties as needed.

There would also be needed: An audio engineer, two (2) audio technicians and their required digital recording equipment to record the music for sale at The City of San José Music Store (which would be added to the City’s Web page). Money raised from the recording sales, with appropriate prior to agreed dispersal allocations, would first go to; Father Eddy, S.J. & the Antioch Baptist Gospel Choir then into the Music Fund to; pay for recording costs; **investment in recording studio**, legal fees (City Attorney).

Legal details permitting “ticket sales” for “reserved seating” at City Council meetings would have to be hammered out by the City Attorney and of course, the Attorney could present a fee for this service.

Initial funding would be from the Office of Cultural Affairs grant program. OED would handle the marketing, ticket sales and future scheduling of additional performances.

Several compact discs (CD’s) containing some “Motown Classics” were prepared and distributed to Council members and when you listen to the music, imagine the performance of, “The LOVE MACHINE.”

LIVE AT CITY HALL...“THE LOVE MACHINE!” is going to be “profitable” and popular!

Cc: City Attorney / City Auditor / City Manager... *Respectfully submitted,*

David S. Wall
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December 8, 2011

TO: Mayor Reed and All Council Members
FROM: Martha O'Connell 
RE: Reasonable Question by Councilperson Herrera – Commission Consolidation

At the December 7, 2011 meeting of the Rules Committee, Councilperson Herrera asked a very reasonable question: what are the cost savings for combining Commissions and Boards. She indicated that she was under the impression the figure was \$50,000 per year.

I believe that whoever gave Ms Herrera that information is vastly misinformed. PRNS provided a document for me in my capacity as Chair of the Senior Commission stating that the cost of that one Commission was \$57,320 in FY 2009-2010 and \$44,320 in FY 2010-11. See attached copy of the document which can also be found on line in the agenda for Rules 8-24-11, Public Record F-A.

There are over 40 Boards and Commissions. Some cost more to operate because an attorney is present at their meetings.

So, in sum and substance, the \$50,000 figure needs to be adjusted upwards dramatically.

PRNS Estimated Senior Commission Support Costs

Document B

Estimated PRNS Senior Commission Support Costs				
	FY 2009-2010		FY 2010-2011	
	Hours	Costs*	Hours	Costs*
Staff				
Senior Office Specialist	1040	\$ 37,684	832	\$ 30,147
Gerontology Supervisor	312	\$ 15,227	208	\$ 10,151
Therapeutic Services Manager	42	\$ 3,097	42	\$ 2,710
Miscellaneous/NP Costs				
Miscellaneous	N/A	\$ 1,312	N/A	\$ 1,312
TOTAL		\$ 57,320		\$ 44,320

* Costs include salary and benefits