



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 23, 2011

Approved

Date

5/23/11

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Eliminate 40 boards and commissions

Amount of City Funding Required: **See Below**

Fund Type General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Boards and Commissions

The City Charter requires the City to have a Planning Commission and a Civil Service Commission. However the other 40 plus boards and commissions are not necessary. These boards and commissions require paid staff to attend, prepare and manage them. The staff includes employees from the City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, City Department Staff and City Hall facility staff to set up meeting rooms.

I propose eliminating all commissions and boards that are not in the Charter. Another option would be to have these 40 plus boards and commissions meet no more than 2 times a year, taking into consideration that if there is a time sensitive issue and/or project that necessitates the need of a meeting, then those exceptions could be warranted. These reductions would save the City money on employee costs. This suggestion is not new. Governor Jerry Brown has proposed the elimination of 43 commissions and boards. The City of San Jose would be wise to follow suit.

Program/Project Title: **Boards and Commissions**

Amount of City Funding Change: **See above**

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Same as above

Department or Organization: **City Manager Office**

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

Not Applicable

This change is:

_____ One-time **X Ongoing**

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

X Community and Economic Development Services

- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services