CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: **SEE BELOW**

DATE: March 14, 2008

Approved Chuck Reed Date 3/14/08

SUBJECT: 3-YEAR GENERAL FUND STRUCTURAL DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN STAKEHOLDER GROUP NOMINATIONS

INFORMATION

As stated in the Mayor's March Budget Message, additional outreach is needed to help steer and develop ideas related to the development of a Three-Year General Fund Structural Deficit Elimination Plan, which will be brought forward to the City Council in November 2008. On March 18, City Council will be asked to approve the process for the selection of these stakeholders who will comprise the Three-Year General Fund Structural Deficit Elimination Plan Stakeholder Group.

The proposed stakeholder group would include an open and inclusive group of 20 to 30 San José residents. Their composition will consist of a balanced representation of labor, city employees, business, non-profits, taxpayers, and neighborhoods. Through a six-month process, these stakeholders will engage in discussions that will look at the *Advantages and Concerns* of Top Priority Strategies identified by the City Manager, as well as identifying *Advantages and Concerns* for other strategies. In addition, they will develop alternatives and options for consideration in the Three-Year General Fund Structural Deficit Elimination Plan, and their feedback will provide City Council considerations when they review the Three-Year General Fund Structural Deficit Elimination Plan in November.

If the Council approves my Budget Message, I request that my Council colleagues help me gather the names of leaders in our community to serve in the stakeholder group. I request each Councilmember provide the names of stakeholder candidates to my office **by March 25, 2008**. Each Councilmember should submit one representative from the following groups: labor, city employees, business, non-profits, taxpayers, and neighborhoods.

I plan to finalize my recommendations for the Stakeholder Group membership and submit the names to City Council for approval on April 8, 2008. The Stakeholder Group will be expected to begin work on the Three-Year General Fund Structural Deficit Elimination Plan immediately afterwards.