

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR PREPARATION OF AN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE PROPOSED SINGLE-USE
CARRYOUT BAG ORDINANCE, CITY FILE NO. PP09-193**

Location: Roosevelt Community Center
901 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95116
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and the Environmental Services Department of the City of San José will hold a Public Scoping Meeting to obtain your input on the environmental analysis for the City’s proposal to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of single-use carryout bags. This Public Scoping Meeting will be held in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended. You are welcome to attend and give us your input on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) so that it addresses all relevant environmental issues. There will also be an open forum for questions and comments.

Description of the Project (File No.: PP09-193): The City of San José is proposing to adopt an ordinance regulating the distribution of single-use carryout bags at the point of sale. The ordinance would consist of revisions to Chapter 9.10 of the City’s Municipal Code and will prohibit the distribution of single-use carryout paper and plastic bags at the point of sale (i.e., check-out) for all commercial retail businesses in San José except restaurants. An exception is made for “green” paper bags containing at least 40 percent recycled content, this may be accompanied by a fee to the customers to be retained by the retailers [to cover the cost to the business of providing the bags].

The ordinance would exclude plastic or paper bags that are used by customers or the store to protect or contain meat, fresh produce, food prepared at the establishment, or other goods that must be protected from moisture, damage, or contamination, and that are typically placed inside a carryout bag at the point of sale. Restaurants and take-out food establishments would be exempt from the ordinance.

The ordinance as proposed would apply to businesses, in addition to grocery stores, that also put purchases into single-use carryout bags, either paper or plastic, at the point of sale, including department stores, clothing stores, liquor stores, book stores, specialty stores, drug stores, etc.

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Muốn biết tin tức bằng tiếng Việt Nam về tờ thông tin này, xin quý vị liên lạc Trung Nguyen ở số (408) 535-7883.

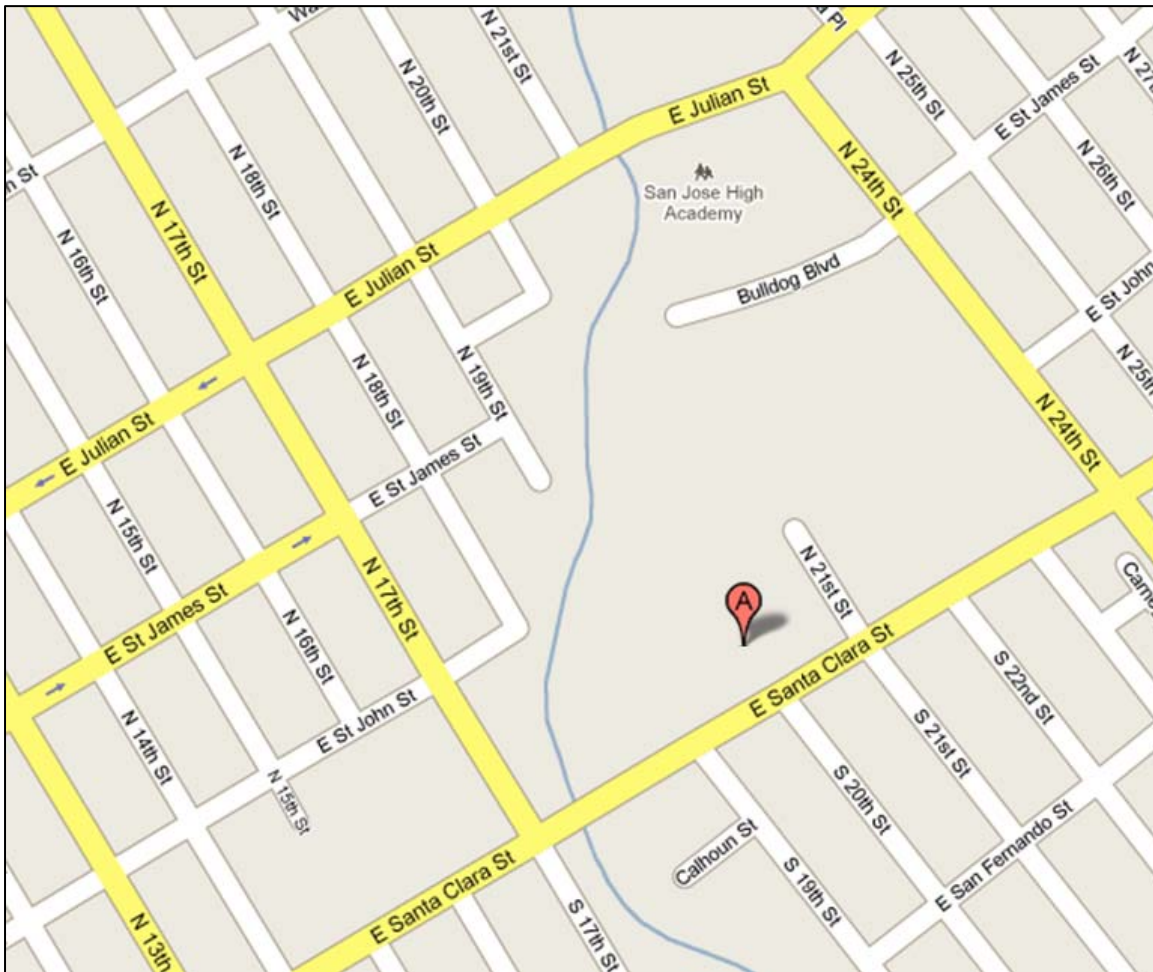
Para información en Español acerca de esta solicitud, comuníquese con Juan Borrelli al (408) 535-7709.

Notice of Preparation:

The Notice of Preparation is available for review online at the City of San José’s website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/eir.asp>. If you have any questions before the meeting, please contact:

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Questions about the proposed Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance should be directed to Emy Mendoza at (408) 975-2554 or emy.mendoza@sanjoseca.gov



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