



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: Actions Related to the 2017-2018 Annual Adjustment for Park Impact Fees and High-Rise Fees

DATE: December 19, 2017

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12/19/2017

Recommendation

1. Defer action on the proposed permanent reduction of fees for high-rise developments in the new Downtown Core Area after the comprehensive study session on the aggregate impact of all development fees as proposed in the December 15, 2017 memo on item 4.6 from the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers Davis, Nguyen, and Arenas, and;
2. Concurrently conduct additional community outreach regarding the further reduction of high-rise park impact fees.

Analysis

It seems appropriate to consider this proposal in the context of the study session on the aggregate impact of all development fees, as proposed by several of my colleagues. The outcome of that study session may significantly affect the City's approach to parkland fees and will certainly place these fees in a broader context.

As staff works towards the study session, they should make every effort to conduct a broader outreach about the reduction in fees. I commend staff for visiting the Developer's Roundtable and presenting this change to the Parks Commission, but there are many stakeholders in the community who take interest in such reductions, and they should be briefed and consulted on the changes. Downtown residents in addition to organizations like the San Jose Park Advocates should play a role. Although this reduction in fees mainly impacts the downtown residents, I believe that expanding the reduction of park fees for high-rise developments is a city-wide concern since we hope and expect residents from across the city to visit and enjoy our downtown.