



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Ortiz  
Councilmember Cohen  
Councilmember Candelas

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** February 6, 2024

Approved: 

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF PERMIT PARKING POLICY IN  
TRANSIT CORRIDORS AND AREAS OF GROWTH**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Direct the City Manager to provide the City Council with an informational memorandum regarding restarting the residential permit parking program in areas of high growth, including Urban Villages, where parking is highly impacted. The memorandum should explore options, impacts and lessons learned from previous experience and information that would help inform next steps for potential implementation. The next steps may include a Manager's Budget Addendum for consideration in the 2025-26 budget cycle.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of San José has made significant progress in crafting sustainable development standards to encourage dense, walkable neighborhoods that enable transit and bike use. While these interventions are necessary to address climate change, improve public health, and ultimately improve equity, it is also important to face the reality that the existing infrastructure and sprawling suburban design of the City leaves most residents dependent on single-occupancy vehicles for daily transportation needs. The goal of inducing transit demand and long-term behavior changes will take time.

One of the key concerns of our residents is that the high-density developments induce parking demands that limit their ability to park in front of their homes. By re-opening discussion of a potential permit parking program in areas of high growth, including Urban Villages, the City can achieve the gains in sustainable development while maintaining the stability its residents need.

**ROGC DATE: 2/12/2025**

**ITEM: C.2**

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