



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: Filling District 3 Council Vacancy

DATE: November 6, 2024

Approved

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sergio Jimenez".

Date 11/06/2024

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Direct the City Clerk to agendaize for the November 19, 2024, City Council Meeting a conversation on an appointment process for replacing resigned Councilmember Omar Torres.
2. Direct the City Clerk to schedule a special Council meeting on or before December 27, 2024, for the Council to interview qualified candidates and make an appointment.

Analysis

After the 2022 election, the City of San Jose deliberated extensively on the process for filling a vacant Council seat. After careful analysis the Council chose to proceed with the most efficient, cost-effective process - an appointment. With the recent resignation of Omar Torres, it is crucial that constituent services and representation of District 3 residents be addressed and restored as soon as possible. Having a new councilmember in place at the start of the new year will be essential for residents and businesses alike. Therefore, the City Council must act as swiftly as possible to establish a process to select a new councilmember.