



# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Councilmember,  
District 9

**SUBJECT:** HOMELESS AUDIT TIME-CERTAIN **DATE:** November 14, 2018

Approved

*Don Focher*

Date

*11/14/18*

## RECOMMENDATION

Make staff presentation and City Council conversation on the 'Audit of the City's Homeless Assistance Programs' report time-certain at 3 PM at the November 27 City Council meeting's afternoon session.

## BACKGROUND

The matter of homelessness in San Jose is a delicate one with many stakeholders and perspectives implied. Especially as it relates to conversation on sensitive policy regarding what help is made available before sweeps and what happens during and after said sweeps, it is important to allow for the participation of those most directly affected: homeless individuals and families. Pursuant to this logic, constituents have reached out to my office asking that we set a 3 PM time-certain on the November 27 City Council agenda item regarding the City Auditor's report on San Jose's homeless assistance programs and sweeps.

Homeless individuals and families prefer the mid-afternoon timing on this item because it would permit them to participate and submit public comment without curtailing their ability to find a safe place to sleep that night or find a safe way back to where they are currently settled before it is dark.

I hope my colleagues on the Rules and Open Government Committee concur with my assertion that having meaningful input from this community on this item is crucial and should be accommodated to the best of our ability.