CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Richard Doyle
City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Request to Set a Regular City Council Meeting on August 4, 2020**

DATE: May 12, 2020

On the Rules Committee Agenda for May 13, 2020, there is an urgency request to set a Regular City Council meeting for Tuesday, August 4, 2020. This request is made because of a Court order in the case of *Bushey v. Taber*, issued after the posting deadline for the Rules Committee Agenda, directing the Registrar of Voters to perform a full signature verification of an initiative petition seeking to qualify for the ballot.

The Court ordered the Registrar to complete the full verification by June 23, 2020 to determine if the initiative qualifies. To meet this deadline, the Registrar and her staff will need to work overtime at significant cost to the City, and it was set largely because the Fall 2020 Council Calendar has not yet been approved to confirm that a meeting would occur on August 4. August 4 is the last opportunity for the Council to hold a regularly meeting before the statutory deadline on August 7 to call an election to submit ballot measures to the voters for the November election.

The Court stated that it expects the respective parties to meet and confer on timing and staffing to ensure that verification is done in a timely and cost-efficient manner and will consider a new deadline if the parties can stipulate. If this item is approved, the City Attorney will convey the confirmation of a Council meeting on August 4 and will request a new deadline accordingly.

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By /s/
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