



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Kip Harkness
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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 15, 2021

Approved

Date

01/15/21

**SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION: COMMUNITY HEALING AND ECONOMIC
RECOVERY LISTENING SESSION**

RECOMMENDATION

Set a City Council Study Session entitled Community Healing and Economic Recovery Listening Session for Friday, February 5, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and approve a draft Study Session agenda.

PURPOSE OF STUDY SESSION

To engage the Mayor and Council in near and long-term recovery planning driven by Council priorities and vision of success for San Jose's most vulnerable residents, small businesses, and nonprofits.

OUTCOME

The Study Session will result in the development of a common understanding of key trends and issues, and insights to guide future recovery actions by City Administration and Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting on December 8, 2020, Council requested that the Administration agendize a study session on Community and Economic Recovery efforts. A tentative date was set for February 25, 2021.

ANALYSIS

COVID-19 has hit our community hard, and exacerbated pre-existing health and economic disparities impacting communities of color and Eastside neighborhoods. Job loss from the pandemic-induced recession has been felt most keenly among low-income workers, particularly people working in restaurants, personal care, and hospitality, with a disproportionate impact on women and residents of color.

Our Community and Economic Recovery efforts cannot simply focus on repairing what has been damaged in this pandemic. We must address the long-term needs and history of institutional racism and systemic inequities that exist, and we must build back better. This opportunity to listen will be a critical piece of that process.

Currently, the Community and Economic Recovery objectives of the Emergency Operations Center are to:

- Invest in our most vulnerable residents, small businesses, and nonprofits;
- Empower our community with resources that build resiliency; and
- Partner to stabilize and improve outcomes for all.

However, the landscape for our recovery efforts is shifting rapidly. The City is continuing to track this shifting landscape at a federal, state, and local level to better inform decision-making and communicate effectively with the Mayor and Council. This Study Session allows for the Administration and Mayor and Council to briefly pause and discuss what success looks like for our City—allowing the EOC to integrate these desired outcomes into planning efforts.

/s/

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Attachment: Draft Study Session Agenda

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

February 5, 2021

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

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 - b. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
 - c. When the Mayor calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand.” Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - d. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

Call to Order and Roll Call

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Why Community Healing and Economic Recovery Matters
 2. What we have learned through our COVID response and know about our future
 3. How we collectively work on a path to healing and recovery
- **Public Comments**
 - **Adjourn**