

**COMMUNITY MEETING INVITATION**

**Location:** Room W-120 Council Chamber/Wing Building  
City of San Jose City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113

**Dates:** Meeting One: Thursday, February 24, 2011  
Meeting Two: Thursday, March 24, 2011

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Dear Community Member,

The City of San Jose's Planning Division would like to invite you to attend a community meeting about a proposed Community Risk Reduction Plan. During this meeting you will have an opportunity to learn about the proposal and to provide feedback on the plan.

The City of San Jose in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is developing a Community Risk Reduction Plan (CRRP). This plan will promote strategies to protect potentially vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly and people with chronic health problems from the harmful effects of air pollution and will identify policies to use when new or modified development occurs in areas in areas where air toxics and air pollution could be found.

During the first meeting on February 24, 2011 you will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposal and more importantly provide feedback on the plan. We will consider all comments during our evaluation of the proposal. During the second community meeting you will have an opportunity to learn more about how the proposal was revised in accordance to the comments received during the first meeting and to provide additional feedback on the plan.

We are very interested in your input on this proposal and encourage your attendance at both of these meetings.

**Background**

The BAAQMD is the public agency entrusted with regulating stationary sources of air pollution in the nine counties that surround San Francisco Bay, including Santa Clara County. The BAAQMD is governed by a 22-member Board of Directors composed of locally elected officials from each of the nine Bay Area counties. The Board oversees policies and adopts regulations for the control of air pollution within the district.

In June 2010, the BAAQMD updated their California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines to recommend air quality significance thresholds, analytical methodologies and

mitigation measures for local agencies to use when preparing air quality impact analyses under CEQA.

The updated CEQA Guidelines seek to better protect the health and well-being of Bay Area residents by recommending new protective air quality standards that include limiting exposures to Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC) and Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5). According to BAAQMD, the areas that have the highest risk to these pollutants tend to occur in urban areas along major roadways and adjacent to freeways.

The new Guidelines offer a unique option under the “Local Community Risk & Hazards” section to that aims to reduce ambient concentrations of TACs and PMs and to reduce the public’s exposure to these pollutants. The City of San Jose is creating a Community Risk Reduction Plan that will address some of these issues and that could also provide a streamlined mechanism for CEQA compliance.

If you have any questions before the meeting or during the process, please contact:

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