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TO: Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, Chair, Rules Committee

FROM: Councilmember Joe LaCava 

SUBJECT: Rules Committee Priorities, Revised Memo

Thank you, Council President and Rules Committee Chair Elo-Rivera, for inviting me to share my priorities for the Rules Committee (Rules). It was my honor to serve in 2022, and I look forward to further accomplishments with you, my committee colleagues, the Mayor, City Attorney, staff, and the public.

My Rules Committee priorities are as follows:

Open Government

Determine how to retain and encourage the highest levels of public participation as the “COVID-19 State of Emergency” comes to an end. Determine how to provide the public with legal “hybrid” participation methods to include in-person, call-in, and Zoom (or other relevant technology) to continue to uplift the voices of those who cannot travel to City Hall.

Boards and Commissions

Receive monthly reports on the prompt and fair seating of volunteer members of City boards and commissions and consideration of whether some boards should be placed on hiatus or consolidated.

Communications

Receive an update on translation services from the City Clerk's Office.

Customer Service and Public Outreach

Receive an update from Planning Department on the creation of an [Equitable Public Engagement Guide](#), to assure equitable public engagement and inclusive community participation on planning initiatives.

Create a system for contracting community outreach with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that may include workshops and technical assistance for CBOs to complete any forms, registrations, and requirements to be placed on the City of San Diego's eligible vendor lists.

City Attorney Office (CAO) Briefings

Work with the CAO to organize refresher courses on the Brown Act, Closed Session, Public Records Act, and other legislation that affects City Council and Boards and Commissions' actions, protocols, and procedures.

Public/ Private Partnerships for Public Infrastructure

Review Council Policy 100-02 Donation Acceptance and opportunities to improve Public Private Partnerships to fund public infrastructure.

Participatory Budgeting

Create a participatory budgeting pilot program to explore limited use of this community-driven budgeting process.

Housing Authority Protocols

Review current protocols for convening Housing Authority hearings including having the Executive Director seated at the dais.

City Charter

The last major review of the City Charter was conducted in 2015 resulting in 7 measures on the 2016 ballot. Consider whether a Charter Review Committee should be convened to consider non-controversial, clean-up measures.

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