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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Raul Perez

**SUBJECT:** COUNCIL PRIORITY SESSION

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**Approved:**

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The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to be felt for the next several years. With that in mind, I respectfully propose the following two items for the February 25, 2021 council priority session:

Convene a Citywide COVID-19 Recovery Task Force

Utilizing the Greater Downtown San José Economic Recovery Task Force and the Health & Racial Equity Task Force as models, create and staff a citywide, cross-sector, community-based Task Force that would provide recommendations to the City Council on matters of COVID-19 economic and social recovery. The Task Force should be convened for no more than a year.

Creation of a San José Public Health Officer

The administration would study and put forth recommendations to legally<sup>1</sup> create the position of a San José Public Health Officer, independent from all other jurisdictions. The Officer would inclusively and equitably preserve and protect the City's public health. The cities of Pasadena, Long Beach, Berkeley and Vernon have their own City Public Health Officer and can be considered as examples.

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<sup>1</sup> [HSC§ 101460](#)