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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 5, 2008

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Toni Atkins,
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Updated Scheduling Regarding FY 09 Budget

This memorandum provides information about several changes that have been made to the calendar with respect to our FY 09 budget process.

Friday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon was originally set aside on an "as-needed" basis. I am scheduling a presentation by the Independent Budget Analyst regarding retirement program design and options for that time. The IBA will present her report, actuary Joe Esuchanko will attend and be available for questions regarding pricing and other matters, and members of the Mayor's staff will also be there.

On Wednesday, May 14 at 2 pm, Councilmember Young has graciously offered us the first hour of his Public Safety and Neighborhood Services meeting so the Council can continue discussions of the Park and Recreation and Libraries budgets. There will be no further public testimony at this meeting. It is an opportunity for the Council to discuss options regarding the Mayor's proposals contained in his FY 09 budget.

Both of these meetings will be held in the Council Chambers and will be dual noticed as either Budget and Finance or PS&NS, as appropriate, plus Budget Review Committee, which is a committee of the whole Council. This will provide us with maximum flexibility with respect to establishing a quorum and Councilmember participation. We will convene under whichever umbrella is most advantageous at the time.

Finally, I am moving the deadline for Council Budget Priority memoranda from May 14 to noon on May 20. This will give us the benefit of our discussion regarding Park and Recreation and Libraries on the 14th, as well as the Mayor's revised revenue and

expenditure estimates, which we will also receive on the 14th. Moving the date will also enable each of us to hear from our Council colleagues during our discussion of the budget on May 19. While moving the deadline for memoranda has many advantages, it will also compress the timeline for the final portion of the budget process, requiring that noon on the 20th be a very firm deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Dale Kelly Bankhead, Budget Committee Consultant, if you have any questions about these changes or to let us know of any scheduling challenges that may arise.

Thank you.

cc: Independent Budget Analyst
City Attorney
Chief Financial Officer

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