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TO: Council President and City Council Members

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SUBJECT: 2006 Salary Setting Commission's Recommendation

The 2006 recommendations by the Salary Setting Commission represent the first time the City will address this issue since the transition from a Council-Manager form of government to a Council-Mayor form. Because the Salary Setting Commission is an independent body and these recommendations are forwarded to the City's legislative body, it creates the unique situation in which the Mayor is the only elected official whose salary is reviewed, but ultimately has no input into accepting or rejecting the recommendations. The established process of the Salary Setting Commission needs to be reviewed in light of our new form of government.

The Council President has requested that our office research other salary setting models and processes for elected officials under the Council-Mayor form of government. We have begun preliminary research and will be prepared to report to the Rules Committee in May or June.

cc: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders