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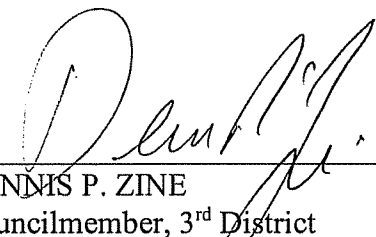
MOTION

As the City continues to face financial difficulties, every effort is being made to evaluate all City programs and services to focus limited resources towards the City's core services. Despite the City's best efforts, however, all indications are that the City's budget deficit will continue to grow based on the continued problems with the housing market and lower than expected revenue from taxes.

Implementation of practical and reasonable policy changes that will help improve the fiscal situation should not be delayed. At this time, the City must explore new efficiencies to reduce the structural deficit while continuing to provide essential services.

Given the dire budget situation that the City is currently facing, department heads must emphasize fiscal responsibility. City departments should review their operational expenses, including travel expenses, to identify efficiencies and eliminate non-critical spending. Toward this end, City departments should provide a prioritized list of all budgeted and non-budgeted travel for the remainder of the current fiscal year and explain why that travel is crucial to conducting City business. Eliminating unnecessary travel expenses will help generate savings that could help close the budget gap.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council: 1) instruct all City departments to examine their remaining budgeted travel expenses for FY 2009-10 and provide the CAO with a prioritized list of all essential travel with justification as to why that travel is necessary; and 2) instruct the CAO to report to Council in 30 days with the prioritized list of the remaining budgeted and non-budgeted travel expenses planned by all City departments for the remainder of FY 2009-10.

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