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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager
From: Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Date: April 23, 2009
Subject: City Council Meeting with the Market Neighborhood

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council finalizes the Highlands Neighborhood meeting date with the City Council this fall and assign topic areas for the upcoming meeting with the Market Neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:

Highlands Meeting Date: The City Council traditionally holds meetings with the neighborhoods on the neighborhood association's regularly scheduled meeting nights to help promote neighborhood involvement by using consistent meeting dates. Occasionally these dates do not work for all Council members. At the March 3, 2009 Council meeting, Council asked staff to find another date as there was a conflict with Highland's regularly scheduled meeting date (Thursday, November 19). Since then, the Highlands Neighborhood decided to move their regular meetings to the third Wednesdays rather than Thursdays. Instead of November 19th, their regularly scheduled meeting will now be Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Council is being asked to approve November 18th as the Highlands Neighborhood Meeting with the City Council.

Market Neighborhood Topic Areas: The Council will meet with the Market Neighborhood on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall (203 Market Street). To reduce costs and minimize paperwork, post cards (instead of letters with mail back request cards) have been mailed to residents with instructions to go online to submit their question in advance. A phone number was also provided for those who prefer not to submit their requests online. The meeting format will continue to be structured the same, unless instructed by Council to change.

Potential topic areas suggested by the Market Neighborhood Board include:

1. **Annexation:** What has changed to change our minds? What is in it for us? Why should we? Is it a good business decision?
2. **Downtown and business:** What is the status of current redevelopments? Why are so many stores closing and what is the City doing to help? Why did the City change the downtown parking regulations? Will it help Kirkland businesses? What is Kirkland

