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PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

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Nearly ten years ago, in 2004, the Council adopted a Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee report to prepare a proposal for a pilot program to demonstrate Green Roof technology on City buildings (Council File No. 04-0074).

Other cities throughout the country and internationally have enacted rooftop green spaces ordinances or have amended their land use elements to offer an increase in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to developers who incorporate green roofs as part of their development projects.

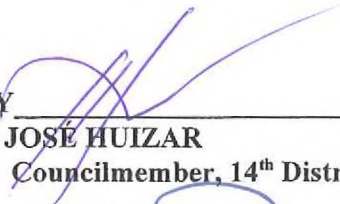
The cities of Tokyo, Japan and Toronto, Canada, as well as the cities of Atlanta, Georgia, Seattle, Washington, Portland, Oregon, Chicago, Illinois, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana has addressed global warming and enhanced its energy efficiency mechanisms in their respective cities through the implementation of rooftop garden ordinances.

On February 28, 2006, the San Diego City Council adopted the San Diego Downtown Community Plan Update, which includes a list of developer incentives that allows for an increase in FAR if the developer provides either of the following: urban open spaces; green roofs; or affordable housing. The City of Portland, Oregon offers an FAR bonus to building owners who incorporate green roofs into buildings in the center of the city.

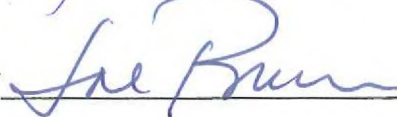
It is time for the City to expand its nearly ten year old Green Roof Pilot Program on city buildings. The land use incentives that other cities provide to developers who incorporate green roofs as part of their development projects should be replicated in our city.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planing Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, Fire Department, Bureau of Engineering, and in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations on how to implement a Rooftop Garden Program that includes land use incentives to projects in the city if they include rooftop green spaces, and that discusses the feasibility of preparing and presenting an ordinance.

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