













## **City of San Jose**

# Managers/Supervisors discuss challenging questions about City government's future

### **TODAY**

- Security and certainty are gone;
  all is in flux
- Unrelenting annual budget pressure
- · Fiscal sustainability threatened
- Antiquated systems: revenue, civil service, IT
- Now doing less with less
- Public-private is blurring
- Open government is way of life
- · Boomer retirements looming
- Public resentment of retirement benefits
- Some employees feel "traumatized" by change & uncertainty
- Rigid civil service rules hinder workforce flexibility & succession planning
- Traditional City model feels outdated
- Uneven approach: regulating vs. facilitating

## 1. What is City government like today?

## LEADERSHIP PRIORITIES

- Align expectations to reduced organizational capacity
- Deal with financial challenges head on
- · Take smart risks, reinforce safety net
- · Reform retirement benefits
- Reform compensation structure
- Reform civil service system
- Innovation/new models/outsourcing
- Succession planning
- · More partnership with community
- · Cost control for public safety
- Revenue generation
- Embrace technology solutions; make IT investments
- "Green" infrastructure replacements
- Consolidate services across departments

3. What must we prioritize to get there?

### **FUTURE LEGACY**

- Enable outside partners to deliver services, rather than delivering them ourselves
- Smaller, highly skilled core staff
- Skilled line staff work in self-managing teams
- Residents are citizen-partners, not just customers "buying services"
- More focused; more capacity to prioritize work
- Employee costs aligned; but "Tier 1" talent retained / attracted
- IT fosters more efficiency, reliability
- Smooth transition to nextgeneration leadership
- Willing to take risks to get rewards
- Many alternate hybrid service models
- No silos within or across departments

2. What should our City government be like in the future?















