TO:            HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION FOR JOINT COUNCIL MEETING WITH SENATOR JOE SIMITIAN

Below are the potential topics of discussion for the joint meeting with Senator Joe Simitian at 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 2008.

A. Legislation
   • Discussion of new state legislation and/or initiatives that could impact Palo Alto, and State budget ramifications for the City (Council Member Yeh)
   • Senator Simitian’s library construction bond bill SB1516 (Staff)

B. Climate Protection Plan issues (Vice Mayor Drekmeyer)
   • General discussion on issues that must be addressed at the state and national level, and impacts of those actions on City’s climate protection activities.

C. Finance
   • Infrastructure financing opportunities from state propositions and state programs (Council Member Yeh)
   • What is the possibility of dropping the threshold for bonds focusing on emergency preparedness to 55% (Vice Mayor Drekmeyer)
   • Is it time to rethink the elements of Prop 13 that has reduced businesses share of property taxes Prop 13 (Council Member Schmid)