



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Donald Rocha

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 20, 2015

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Approved Don Rocha Date 5-20-15  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

**Proposal**

Program/Project Title: 0.5 FTE Coordinator, Domestic Violence Prevention Program

Amount of City Funding Required: \$37,106

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Domestic violence is a quiet yet unreported and prevalent crime impacting families in San Jose. However, in 2010, the City eliminated the 0.5 FTE Domestic Violence Coordinator housed with the City Manager's Office. The City Council approved \$50,000 in one-time funding for DV-related services in the FY 13-14 Operating Budget, and funding was not renewed in the FY 14-15. This is a proposal to fund a one-time 0.5 FTE Executive Analyst II U-PT position to coordinate domestic violence programming and services.

The amount of work and coordination provided by the previous domestic violence coordinator, even on a part time basis, was critical to the ongoing conversation, policy development, community awareness, and prevention efforts. We now have the opportunity and ability to rebuild a vital public safety and quality of life service to the residents of San Jose.

Lack of funding for this program has affected the coordination of services, as well as police response and/or intervention in DV-related calls. While SJPD continues to intervene in DV-related calls, reduced staffing has impacted the number of arrests for restraining order violations, emergency protective orders, and the

types of additional training made available to our police officers. The impact on coordination efforts includes limitations in the City's ability to form strategic partnerships, share or leverage resources and a reduced capacity for implementing best practices and seeking grants in the areas of prevention, shelter, and supportive services for survivors.

With the City's current commitment to domestic violence and human trafficking intervention, investing in a Coordinator to oversee programming, engage community partners, and liaison with the San Jose Police Department and other agencies would be an effective and necessary means to address the issues of human trafficking, domestic violence and gang prevention.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: City Manager's Office

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