



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO  
**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**FROM:** Councilmember Ash Kalra  
**DATE:** 5/23/2016

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Approved *Ash Kalra* Date *5/23/16*

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

**Proposal**

Program/Project Title: City Trees Maintenance Program

Amount of City Funding Required: \$100,000

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

This change is:

\_\_\_ One-time     X Ongoing

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

Currently, the Department of Transportation receives \$100,000 annually to maintain 28,000 City-owned trees, 8,900 of which, if not maintained, can block streetlights with overgrown canopies and create blight and safety concerns. These trees are located in "backup" areas and require more frequent service due to their proximity to the walking public. If the Department secured an additional \$100,000, the approximately 8,900 trees in the "backup" areas would be placed on a 5-year pruning cycle. In addition, remaining funds can be used to proactively maintain trees located on median islands.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

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