



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

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

Approved

Ash Kalra

Date

5/23/16

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Animal Care & Services Center as a No-Kill Shelter

Amount of City Funding Required: \$193,000

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.):

The Live Release Rate (LRR) is an industry term that measures the percent of animals that leave an animal shelter alive. The total combined (dog + cat + other) LRR for FY 2015-16 at the Animal Care Center was 87%, which is the highest rate achieved since San José began the program in 2001, and significantly higher than the national average of approximately 46%. An animal shelter is generally seen as a “no kill shelter” if it has a save rate goal, or LRR, of over 90%. The City of San José is well on their way to that rate, and can be at that rate with additional funding. This can be done by increasing funding for the in-house Spay and Neuter Clinic (\$106,000), as well as the Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic (\$87,000), which are methods proven to be responsible for such a high LRR.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund

Department or Organization: Department of Public Works

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