



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Tam Nguyen

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2016

Approved

Date

5.25.16

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Santee Investigative and Legal Services

Amount of City Funding Required: \$60,000

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

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 Santee Neighborhood needs more code enforcement officers. Residents have continuously come to the Housing Department, Council Office, and legal services with complaints and alleged discrimination and violations of tenant rights. Landlords, who have been placed under an injunction since 1995, are currently out of compliance due to a lack of enforcement.

Current CDBG funding allocates \$80,000 for investigative services for victims of discrimination and retaliatory evictions in this neighborhood. As tenant and Santee resident complaints continue to pile up; this investigation needs to be follow up with appropriate legal services. This funding is currently estimated to cost \$60,000 and is not covered by CDBG funds.

The funding would support legal action and follow up to ensure that violators of discrimination and tenant abuse will be punished in one of the most challenged neighborhoods in San Jose.

Funding Source

X Essential Services Reserve (\$2.5 million)
Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Department of Housing/City Attorney's Office

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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