



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Tam Nguyen

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2016

Approved Tam Nguyen Date 5.25.16

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Santee Code Enforcement and Legal Services

Amount of City Funding Required: \$398,000

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 Santee Neighborhood needs more proactive code enforcement. 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.

To fully investigate alleged instances of discrimination, tenant right's violations, and to enforce the injunction code enforcement, investigative, and legal services need to be increased. Currently, \$80,000 is being funded through CDBG grant funds for investigative services. Proactive code enforcement has been funded from CDBG funds, but will be phased out over the next year. This service needs to continue. The city attorney assigned to work on the Santee Injunction has recently departed, but prior to that the response and enforcement was still lacking. A full effort to enforce the injunction and response to residence needs would require the following positions to be funded:

Fund	2016-2017 Cost	Ongoing Cost
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$365,000	\$401,000
Non Personal/Equipment	\$ 33,000	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$398,000	\$403,000

Position Changes (if applicable):

Position Classification	2016-2017 FTE	Ongoing FTE
PBCE Code Enforcement Inspector I	1.0	1.0
PBCE Senior Office Specialist	1.0	1.0
Deputy City Attorney III U	1.0	1.0
Legal Analyst I/II	1.0	1.0
TOTAL	4.0	4.0

These positions would support the Santee Injunction enforcement as well as investigative and legal services to follow up on discrimination and landlord abuse. Residents would be better served, neighborhoods would be safer, and most importantly we would not be condoning the violation of Superior Court injunction orders.

Funding Source

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

Department or Organization: Planning Building and Code Enforcement/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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