



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Tam Nguyen

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 25, 2016

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Approved  Date 5.25.16.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

**Proposal**

Program/Project Title: Matching Funds for Problem Gambling Assessment

Amount of City Funding Required: \$75,000

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.):

Problem Gambling has been a big issue in the Asian and Pacific Islander Community in San Jose and Santa Clara County for many years. We continue to see law enforcement raids of illegal gambling dens in District 7 and elsewhere in our community, and our cardrooms see a high frequency of Asian gambling addicts. We need to do more to combat this issue. To this extent I recently convened a problem gambling meeting with representatives from law enforcement, service providers, and other stakeholders. From this meeting a lack of knowledge of this problem was identified, and it was suggested a community wide gambling assessment be conducted.

Such an assessment would be funded by this request, and through a matching amount already committed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Once completed this assessment will allow us to better allocate the resources we already utilize through public safety, code enforcement, health department, social services, and funding granted to non-profit organizations.

These funds would provide funding to conduct a Problem Gambling Assessment in the Asian and Pacific Islander community in San Jose and Santa Clara County.

**Funding Source**

X Essential Services Reserve (\$2.5 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: City Manager

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