



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 25, 2016

Approved:  Date 5-25-2016

### RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: **District 5 Participatory Budgeting Project**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$100,000

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

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.):

There are a multitude of pressing issues in District 5, some unique to each neighborhood and others that are felt district-wide. Through the democratic process of community budgeting, the community will take the lead in streamlining their priorities for which concerns they want to fund to help find solutions. Participatory budgeting is happening nationally and is not only helping the budget process, but it also empowering citizens and engaging them in the real decision-making that impacts the life of their communities. In fact, the Mayor's vision in both his 2015 and 2016 March Budget Message and the success of District 3's process have encouraged me to request setting aside \$100,000 dollars from the Essential Reserves budget for a meaningful, broad community process that will help District 5 residents understand how the budget process works as well as ensuring that their highest priorities are being funded.

### Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Mayor's Office

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