




Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Bien Doan

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/22/2025

Approved  Date 5/22/2025

RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2025-2026 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Saving Med30

Amount of City Funding Required: \$651,870

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 37

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

In 2023, the City Council approved a budget that eliminated the Med30 Emergency Medical Services Field Coordinator position—a move justified at the time as a “least impactful” tradeoff to fund other staffing priorities. Despite formal objections from San Jose Fire Fighters Local 230 and warnings from multiple councilmembers, including myself, the decision was made to redistribute Med30’s core oversight responsibilities across already overburdened personnel.

With recent narcotic discrepancies and other issues, the consequences of that decision are painfully clear to me. It is important that we ensure we have as much capacity as possible in the Department to handle issues like this and Med30 could play an important role. Med30 has provided, and will continue to provide, important safeguards within our Fire Department if we fund it.

I have advocated to save or reinstate Med30 every year as part of my budget requests. Last year, Councilmember Batra and I advocated to restore Med30 through one-time funding in the budget. We need to secure the position permanently.

This budget document will reinstate the med30 program for up to 6-months with one time funding, giving time for alternative funding resources to kick in, such as the first responder fee and the transport recovery fees.

The recent narcotic discrepancies and lapse in internal oversight demand more than stopgap measures. The City of San José must act now to reinstate Med30 as a dedicated, permanent role to protect public safety, rebuild trust, and help prevent further failures in the future.

Position Changes (include classifications, if known): +3.0 JC 2313 Fire Captain

Funding Source

X Essential Services Reserve:

X Other (Please specify program/project/fund): First Responder Fees, Transport Recovery Fees

Department or Organization Contact

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