



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Domingo Candelas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/22/25

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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: Evergreen Village Square Vibrancy Improvements

Amount of City Funding Required: \$25,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): #22

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.):

The Evergreen Village Square serves as a hub for community-building, economic prosperity, and cultural vibrancy. Improvements to the current infrastructure of the Evergreen Village Square will create a safe, clean, and lively gathering space for residents, small businesses, and community partners to enjoy. We have been in conversation with the property management company, and they expressed interest in providing matching funds to support improvement efforts.

Funding will allow for the following improvements to be made:

- Addition of handheld safety flags for 4 pedestrian crosswalks with holder, crosswalk, and storage bin
- Installation of 5 new trash cans
- Planting 3 trees with tree-guards
- Revamping the current light fixtures on 10 palm trees to commercial net lights

- Installation of 5 custom banners

The implementation of crosswalk flags increases the visibility of pedestrians, promoting traffic safety and creating a sense of safety for all members of the public. By replacing the current trash cans in high-traffic areas of the park, we strive to reduce littering. A decrease in litter will enhance the natural beauty of the park and foster a more enjoyable experience for visitors.

Trees are a major component of the Evergreen Village Square's appeal and there is room to plant more. Trees provide adequate shade and health benefits for the public and add to the vibrancy of the park. Tree guards are crucial for the early health of newly planted trees, particularly for their safety and growth as they mature. Adding more trees, especially those that provide a healthy tree canopy, aligns with our Community Forest Management Plan.

Upgrades to the lights around the palm trees will improve visibility in the park, allowing residents to feel a greater sense of security and safety during the nighttime hours. Additionally, improved nighttime visibility will increase community activations at the Evergreen Village Square. It is important to note that the Cost Estimate included the installation of a new electrical meter, but the park area where the palm trees are located already has electrical service.

Adding banners to the streetlight infrastructure of the Evergreen Village Square will add to the visual character of the business plaza and the surrounding neighborhood, contributing to a sense of community pride and belonging for residents.

Funding Source

X Essential Services Reserve: \$25,000

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

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