



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2022

Approved

Date

5/25/2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Monkton Court Bench

Amount of City Funding Required: \$3,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): CE-FY22-23:032

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 2017, my office worked with neighborhood leaders to improve what had been an illegal dumping site that connected four cul-de-sacs near Monkton Court in District 8. This site had been transferred from PG&E to the City of San José’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services about 10 years ago – but until I inquired about it, nobody knew it belonged to the City. This small capital budget project transformed the illegal dumping site to a park-like neighborhood area with a walkway path where residents could safely take walks around the neighborhood with their loved ones.

Since then, my office has participated in litter pick-ups with neighborhood leaders to ensure that Monkton Court never goes back to how it was prior to 2017. However – since then, neighbors have advocated the need for a bench or benches along this walkway path.

With a bench installed, residents can rest and spend additional time with their families. It will also allow residents to connect with one another and promote a walkable neighborhood & community. Installing a bench area will support our efforts in continuing to build community to this previously heavily blighted site

for neighbors and their families. In addition, installing a bench area can better encourage seniors and older adults to engage in outdoor exercise and recreation with a safe place to rest if needed. The installation of a bench in the Monkton Court walkway path would also be supportive of the City's commitment to the Age-Friendly City Network priorities.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): Council District 8 Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund

Department or Organization Contact

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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