



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Rose Herrera

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** October 6, 2010

Approved *[Signature]*

Date *10/6/10*

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

## BACKGROUND

### **New Expenditure/Reinstatement**

Program/Project Title: City Improvements

RDA Project Area: Merged Redevelopment Area

Amount of Agency Funding Required: \$ 4,657,762

The San José B.E.S.T. Program provides the key funding to implement the strategies identified by the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force. Our community is at a crossroads in the on-going battle with gangs. We cannot give up a single inch of progress that has been made through the work of the MGPTF over the years. As one speaker said during the budget public hearing last night, “Gangs have a business plan.” And so we, too, must stick with our own business plan to maintain the upper hand in saving our children and protecting the future of San Jose. Without on-going funding, the progress of the MGPTF will be lost and we will ultimately spend more through increased blight and public safety costs.

### **Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: City Improvements

Amount of Agency Funding Change: \$ 4,657,762

This change is:  One-time  Ongoing

The funding for B.E.S.T. is already included in the proposed budget. Therefore this budget recommendation does not impact other areas for this fiscal year. Going forward, we must be focused on finding another ongoing revenue source for this program.

### **Anticipated Outcomes**

Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc. in accordance with one of the following goals and objectives relevant to the City's redevelopment efforts:

- X Create Jobs and Expand Business
- X Build Public Facilities
- X Strong Neighborhoods Initiative and Affordable Housing