



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Domingo Candelas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/23/24

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RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Field fee waiver for District 8 Youth

Amount of City Funding Required: \$10,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 41

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.):

After speaking with many District 8 youth focused non-profit baseball and softball leagues, there is a huge struggle to pay for field space and at the same time keep the league accessible to all. This pilot program proposes to address the shortage of baseball and softball fields in East San José by enhancing engagement through increased access to these facilities for District 8 non-profit leagues. Recognizing the strain on existing fields and the financial constraints faced by non-profit organizations, this program will waive fees for such groups.

This investment in accessibility and support for non-profits aligns with the city's goals of promoting inclusivity and fostering a thriving, connected community. High field costs have made it difficult for non-profit leagues to function in San José. Waiving rental fees for baseball and softball fields on City facilities for District 8 San José non-profits could be a

pivotal step towards fostering community engagement and inclusivity. By eliminating financial barriers, we empower non-profit organizations to provide services and opportunities to underserved communities. This initiative could ensure that every child, regardless of socioeconomic background, has access to recreational activities. The pilot program should include:

- East Hills Little League
- Evergreen Little League
- East Valley Softball

Funding Source

X Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

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