



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Arjun Batra

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 05/22/24

Approved

Arjun Dev Batra

Date: 5/23/2024

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: Multi-Cultural Center Feasibility Study

Amount of City Funding Required: \$100,000

This change is: Onetime

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): N/A

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.):

San Jose is a very diverse city and District 10 reflects that diversity. Residents from different cultures often reach out to our office seeking help with finding a location to hold cultural festivals to celebrate various important holidays and events. However, in District 10 there is no location to host indoor events for more than 250 people. Representatives of the Chinese community have indicated that they could easily have 1,000 people at their annual Cherry Blossom Festival, but they must limit attendance to fit the room at the Almaden Community Center. The recent Nowruz festival hosted by District 10 drew people together from several different cultures and unexpectedly exceeded room capacity. A multi-cultural center where larger events could take place in south San Jose would serve the needs of our diverse residents.

Funding amount is based on past Feasibility Study funding awarded in a previous budget cycle.

This BD reaffirms the Key Focus Area: San José as an inviting and easier place to live.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve: \$100,000

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

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

Name and Title: N/A

Department or Organization:

Phone Number:

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