



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Vice Mayor Rosemary Kamei

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 23, 2024

Approved Rosemary Kamei 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: **Community Gardens Expansion in District 1**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$100,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): N/A [But see body text for prior Est. No. 45]

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.):

There are currently three community gardens in District 1. These gardens enable residents to cultivate food and to enhance nutrition, wellness, and community bonds. However, access is challenging for many due to high demand and limited availability. Indeed, existing facilities are currently oversubscribed and suffer from lengthy wait lists. As such, the District 1 community would significantly benefit from the expansion and thoughtful location of new community gardens. A prior cost estimate (No. 45) exists for a much larger scope of work. In order to contain costs and more clearly enhance community bonds, this Budget Document proposes building new community gardens in existing parks in areas that have been historically underserved with such facilities and would most clearly benefit from them. My specific intent is to focus this effort on Starbird Park—a heavily utilized park in a lower resource Census tract surrounded by apartment buildings that lack such or similar amenities of their own. Accordingly, I ask that that \$100,000 in Essential Services Reserves from the General Fund be set aside to commence this work in coordination with my office and the local community, so as to allow for the use of Construction and Conveyance Tax funds for subsequent and additional implementation.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

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:

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