


Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Pete Constant

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 21, 2009

Approved  Date _____

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Crime Prevention Specialist Staffing

Amount of City Funding Required: \$673,494

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) General Funds

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

The proposed budget recommends permanently eliminating the six filled Crime Prevention Specialist positions and redeploying two officers. This would cut the Challenges and Choices program, which provides alternative dispute resolution training to at-risk youth in elementary and middle schools. In addition to the loss of Challenges and Choices it would further burden the already, understaffed Police Community Services Division. This division has provided invaluable crime prevention services, such as Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, S.A.V.E., gang awareness training, and robbery prevention since its inception and represents a significant return on investment. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Unit 99 Salary Adjustment

Amount of City Funding Change: (\$673,494)

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

This salary adjustment would roll-back the FY 08-09 salary adjustment.

Department or Organization: Office of Employee Relations

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

X One-time _____ Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services