



# 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: Traffic Enforcement Unit

Amount of City Funding Required: \$791,000

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.)

Maintaining all seven Traffic Enforcement Teams will continue a highly demanded service to the citizens of San José. These teams are designed to respond to and investigate accidents. Reduction of these teams will increase response time to traffic accidents and delay investigation. The Traffic Enforcement Teams have made many neighborhood traffic calming efforts a success. Elimination will increase the number of requests not responded to and reduced resources for traffic calming efforts. This extra work would fall in the hands of beat officers, who are already woefully understaffed. The Traffic Enforcement Team proactively gives traffic citations; elimination may result in fewer traffic citations and increased vehicle accidents.

## **Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: Unit 99 Salary Adjustment

Amount of City Funding Required: \$791,000

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.)

The proposed changes would promote public safety and not negatively affect city services in any way.

Department or Organization: Police Department

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:

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