



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Campos

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/21/13

Approved

Date

5/22/13

RECOMMENDATION

To institute, in the City of San Jose, a "Gun Buy Back" in order to remove privately owned unwanted, illegal or dangerous firearms from our City's streets. These guns would be purchased by the San Jose Police Department and destroyed after purchased. There is a *no questions asked* policy during these buy backs that allow all guns to be turned in without any questions asked of the person or persons turning over the gun. In this case, each hand gun, rifle or shotgun is traded for \$100 and each automatic weapon would receive \$150. The most effective time to have a Gun Buy Backs is around the December holidays. In this case it would be Saturday, December 14th, 2013. Gun Buy Backs often remove hundreds of gun off the streets and are an effective law enforcement tool to curbing gun violence by removing these weapons and stopping accidental shootings, intentional shootings after an unwanted gun has been stolen or the reuse of a weapon that has already been involved illegal activity.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: City of San Jose Gun Buy Back

Amount of City Funding Required: \$75,000

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

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.): Gun Buy Backs often remove hundreds of gun off the streets and are an effective law enforcement tool to curbing gun violence by removing these weapons from society and stopping them from falling into the hands of children or criminals. In fact, in Los Angeles, more than 1,000 guns were relinquished during their latest Gun Buy Back.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): Contingency Budget

Department or Organization: San Jose Police Department

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation): There is no certification for the cost of this request. However, given that most successful Gun Buy Backs are funded at the \$100,000 to \$150,000 level, the idea would be to match the funds that the City of San Jose is offering and raising the rest of the money from private or other public entities.

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