



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Rocha

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Coordination

DATE: May 22, 2013

Approved

Don Rocha _{DR}

Date 5-22-13

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATION AND PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$50,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund: Anti-Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Revenue

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Domestic Violence is a serious public safety issue for our community. During FY 2011-2012:

- The District Attorney's Office issued 1,849 misdemeanor and 410 felony domestic violence complaints in 2012, and the Superior Court Criminal Division issued protective orders in each of these cases.
- The Superior Court Family Division issued 1,996 restraining orders in domestic violence cases in 2012.
- The County had nine domestic violence related deaths in 2012. Three of the 9 cases included a domestic violence suspect who committed suicide. This is a decrease from the 17 domestic violence related deaths in 2011, which was the largest number of deaths in Santa Clara County since 2003. There were 135 domestic violence related deaths in the County from 2000-2011.¹
- In 2002, the Death Review Committee began to collect the number of child homicide victims. From 2002-2010, 23% of domestic violence-related homicides in Santa Clara County were children, representing a loss of 19 children. A total of 59 children were present at the time of these incidents.
- In fiscal year 2011, there were 2,905 bookings for domestic violence-related assault and battery, and 1,304 charges were subsequently filed. (Santa Clara County Public Health Department, 2012).
- There were 4,665 calls to local law enforcement in 2011. (Santa Clara County Public Health Department, 2012).

The County of Santa Clara is considering the authorization of a Domestic Violence Coordination position to be housed within the Office of Women's Policy, County Executive's Office. Such a position would provide significant support to the County-wide coordination of domestic violence efforts.

¹ Santa Clara County Public Health Department, *Santa Clara County Violence Profile 2012*. June 2012.

In light of the need for greater coordination between the City of San Jose, where the greatest number of domestic violence incidents and deaths occur, and the County of Santa Clara, this proposal recommends a joint effort to support coordination of domestic violence efforts. Instead of re-authorizing the former Domestic Violence Coordinator (.50 FTE, City Manager's Office, eliminated FY 11-12), I propose that we pursue an agreement with the County of Santa Clara to "purchase" .25 FTE of the employee's time and create a liaison role for the position with the City of San Jose through the City Manager's Office. Details and specific duties would be developed jointly by the Office of the County Executive and the Office of the City Manager relevant to the needs of each jurisdiction, but the outline below represents a potential framework for a future relationship.

County Position Total Compensation: \$124,130

25% FTE: \$31,032.35

Office: Office of the County Executive – Office of Women's Policy/Office of the City Manager

Potential Coordination/Reporting Network:

- Reports and briefings on behalf of the Office of Women's Policy:
 - Office of the City Manager
 - Office of the County Executive
- Coordination with County and City Departments who are actively involved in the issue of Domestic Violence
- Coordination with Boards and Commissions
 - Staffing to Domestic Violence Council (DVC)
 - Reports to DVC, City of San Jose Human Services Commission
 - Prepare briefings and staff reports for presentation to Board of Supervisors and Council, City of San Jose.

The remaining \$18,967 in funding in addition to the \$31,032.35 25% FTE reimbursement should be dedicated for funding of reports, trainings, an annual event deemed as most important by stakeholders (e.g. Domestic Violence Conference, Walk to End Domestic Violence) and other initiatives that support the strategic outcomes coordinated by this shared position.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund: Anti-Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Revenue

Department or Organization: City Manager's Office

Department or Organization Contact (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

