CITY OF
SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Manh Nguyen

DATE: May 25, 2016

Approved _Manh Nguyen FB_   Date _5-25-16_

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: The Dirty Dozen

Amount of City Funding Required: $ 110,689

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

This change is:

__xx__ One-time   _____ Ongoing

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

I propose the creation of code enforcement inspector position to track and process the worst "bad actors" in the city – twelve or so annually – hence, the "Dirty Dozen"; so that slumlords and egregious code violators are held accountable for their actions. In a world of limited funds, it is more important than ever to use Code Enforcement in a manner that might deter bad behavior in the first place. Numerous "bad actors" across the city routinely break the law, yet continue operating with little to no consequences for their actions. This proposal requests that one Code Enforcement Inspector be added to administer the program proposed above. It would serve as useful pilot project to see if we can achieve 100% cost recovery with fines and penalties, thereby possibly requiring no General Fund expenditures in the future. Nevertheless, until we know to what extent cost recovery can be achieved, this can be an expense funded by the Essential Services Reserve & General Fund.

Funding Source

■ Essential Services Reserve ($2 million) - $25,000

■ Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund - $85,689

Department or Organization: Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

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