



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Donald Rocha
DATE: May 24, 2017

Approved

Don Rocha

Date

5/24/17

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Youth Commission

Amount of City Funding Required: \$5,000 (Increase Youth Commission non-personal budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000)

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

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

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

The Youth Commission provides a valuable service to the City Council and our community. Through collaboration and outreach, the Youth Commission serves as a crucial voice for the younger people in the governmental decision making process and promotes community involvement in San Jose.

They do all of this great work with a minimal budget. Each year the Youth Commission hosts the annual youth conference, allowing speakers, organizations, and community members to come together and collaborate on key policy issues. Last year the conference attendance, due to lack of budget, was cut to less than a third from previous years. In addition to the conference, the Youth Commission budget is also used for the Advise Inspire Motivate (AIM) conference which is open to all students who wish to participate, as well as, facility rental fees, Youth Advisory Council annual training supplies, commissioner supplies, and outreach material. The Youth Commission manages to make a little go a long way, but they would be able to do more with a small increase in their budget.

With this proposal, I recommend a modest increase of \$5,000 in the Youth Commission budget. This would open significant opportunities including.

- Attending leadership conferences throughout the Bay Area
- Service learning projects – encouraging community involvement and collaboration
- National League of Cities – attending civic leader conferences throughout the nation
- Host reunions for alumni – come back together to provide a network for opportunity

I urge the City Council to invest in the Youth Commission and support them as their passion for government continues. It is the hope that they gain this knowledge and come back to San Jose, as so many have, to work and give back to this great City.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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