



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Rocha

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 24, 2017

Approved

Don Rocha

Date

5/24/17

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Senior Food Assistance in District 9

Amount of City Funding Required: \$75,000

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

This change is:

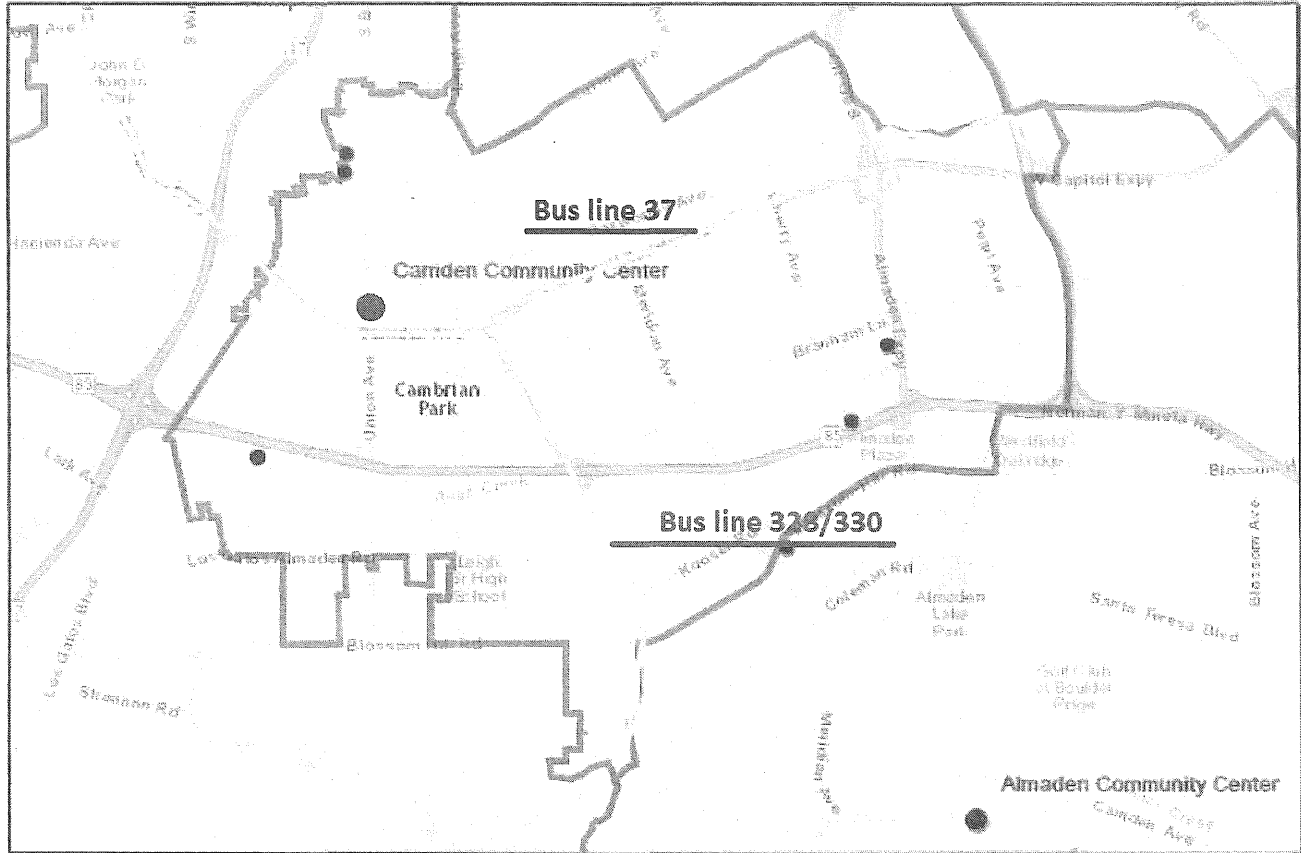
One-time Ongoing

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

According to the Health Trust's study Food for Everyone, there is approximately 30,000 seniors in San Jose who live below 200% of the federal poverty line. This number may estimate the number of low-income seniors in our City who may experience food insecurity, many of who may also have disabilities or other ambulatory difficulties.

Most senior safety net providers are located in Central San Jose. For seniors who don't live in that area, these food safety net resources can be few and far between. According to the same report, a particularly underserved area for both congregate meals sites and food pantry programs for thousands of low income seniors lies in District 9.

Current there is just one congregate meal site at the Camden Community Center. There are two bus lines which allow seniors access to the Camden Community Center, bus line 37 and line 328/330. VTA is proposing to cut service to line 328/330 and reduce the frequency of bus line 37, which will affect seniors access to the only congregate meal site in the District. Currently, the Health Trust helps provide food assistance to 255 seniors at two senior affordable housing sites.



- Bus lines
- Unserved affordable senior housing
- Camden Community Center

This proposal asks to:

- Provide Meals on Wheels for up to 25 clients.
- Work with currently 4 unserved senior affordable housing sites, to serve up to 420 seniors with food assistance and evidence-based chronic disease and diabetes self-management workshops provided by the Health Trust.

Outcomes: Senior nutrition programs help seniors access healthy food, provide an opportunity for seniors to access other secondary support services, and a chance for vital social interaction.

This one-time funding will allow the Health Trust to start up these services in the next year. The Health Trust will be able to maintain the same level of service in future years without additional funding from the City.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: The Health Trust

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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