



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 24, 2017

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI)**

Amount of City Funding Required: **\$250,000**

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): **General Fund and/or HUD Settlement funds \$36 million**

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.):

RLEI builds safety and security by guiding property owners, landlords, and tenants to contribute to the common good of our neighborhoods. Since its inception in 2011 RLEI has resolved 46 situations on problem properties throughout the City. To date RLEI has a 100% success rate in small claims court.

RLEI's success is best illustrated by its rate of return (ROI), for every \$1 that the City of San Jose invests in RLEI the City receives a return of \$1.28. The impact of RLEI is measured by the following key factors, quality of life, neighborhood improvement, and community engagement.

The demand for RLEI services is growing across all 10 council districts. Currently, RLEI handles approximately 10 cases per year. With increased funding from the City of San Jose as well as funding support from other sources RLEI will expand its caseload to 25 cases per year, an increase of 150%. This increase will result in savings across City departments including,

police, fire, and code enforcement.

In District 2, RLEI has shown great leadership and success in engaging neighbors and landlords. As a past neighborhood association president I utilized RLEI as a resource to address a problem home in my neighborhood. RLEI organized our neighbors and facilitated an agreement with the landlord that satisfied the community and avoided litigation. As a Councilmember, I have called on RLEI to address another problem home that has security issues, code violations, and safety concerns. RLEI is working diligently with neighbors to solve this problem. Due to staffing shortages and limited resources in our police department and code enforcement we must support organizations like RLEI that create cost savings while engaging residents and strengthen community.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): **General Fund, and or HUD Settlement funds \$36 million**

Department or Organization: **Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County**

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