



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 17, 2014

Approved

Date

5/17/14

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: Planting Trees in D5

Amount of City Funding Required: \$103,000

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.):

In District 5 we have a deficit on shade and clean air. Having 100 trees planted along our main corridors will make the streets look better and help the environment. The goal is to Beautify the streets and give life to under-served communities. Every tree that takes root also carries with it a myriad of benefits to our health, quality of life, and well-being – locally and globally. District 5 has a noticeable absence of street trees along our major corridors. Urban forests intercept and absorb air pollution from the atmosphere. My goal is to supplement our street tree planting along major corridors.

### **City Maintained Landscape Area (High Traffic)**

\$205.00 (Cost to plant 15 gallon tree) + \$825.00 (3 years establishment maintenance) = \$1,030/tree  
\$1,030 per tree x 100 trees = \$103,000

### Funding Source

\$4

Essential Services Reserve (~~\$2~~ million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Our City Forest

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

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