



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Arenas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 22, 2019

Approved 

Date 5.22.19

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Family Friendly Initiative Child Care

Department: Library

Amount of City Funding Required: TBD

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

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

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

San Jose has recognized that there is housing crisis but we rarely address how we will support families while we increase our housing stock. The reality is that families are at the center of this crisis, dealing with low wage jobs, a high cost of living, cramped living arrangements and the need of a two-income household.

The City Auditor's Annual Report on City Services FY 2017-2018 Resident Survey revealed a decrease in overall quality of life in San Jose and only 41% of residents considers San Jose as a good place to raise children. Nearly three in four respondents reported that they think it is very important for San Jose to focus on sense of community in the next two years and approximately 80% of San Jose residents rated the availability of affordable child care/preschool as poor/fair. San Jose families are essential to the fabric of our community and it is time for a city-wide and department-wide response to this crisis.

That's why I have brought forward my Family Friendly City Initiative, which has included a package of existing efforts, legislative referrals, priority setting requests, and budget items. Each of these efforts should become elements of a plan to address the crisis we see in San Jose families. It's critical that we address this crisis with a coordinated effort.

One part of this initiative that closely aligns with the priorities of Mayor Liccardo, our City Manager, and the departments that make up the Neighborhood Services CSA is adding additional child care space in San Jose. My request for more information on opening up a pilot location for child care for city employees was answered in MBA #11.

Inside MBA #11, there is a detailed proposal for piloting full day, licensed child care at the MLK Library. In this Budget Document, I recommend that we include enough funding for the Library to continue working on exploring this item – particularly to line our city up for potential state funding from Governor's budget.

Funding Source

■ Essential Services Reserve (\$4 million):
Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Library

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

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