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## Mayor Liccardo Releases June Budget Message

*Mayor publishes his final recommendations for a targeted and prudent spending blueprint that prioritizes safety, road maintenance, and preparing for future budget challenges*

San Jose, Calif. – Mayor Sam Liccardo has released his [June Budget Message](#), outlining his final recommendations for adopting a balanced budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year that begins July 1.

“With this budget, we are able to make some targeted investments, particularly around public safety and street pavement maintenance, as we continue down our path to restoring services,” said Mayor Liccardo. “Yet, we face challenging years ahead and must remain prudent and disciplined in our spending, particularly in as we face the prospect of a challenging FY 2018-19 next budget.”

Through his June Budget Message, Mayor Liccardo has made his final recommendations for the FY 2017-18 budget, which charts a prudent and targeted approach to spending and focuses new investments on a few key priorities, including:

- Funding critical **Emergency Preparation** and **Flood Recovery** efforts, that will help the City respond to impacts of the recent Coyote Creek floods and prevent future incidents in the future. This includes new recommendations in the June Budget Message to: hasten the development of multi-language disaster alert systems, Coyote Creek vegetation removal, and incentivizing landlords to renew the Rock Springs neighborhood.
- Enhancing the City’s **Road Repair and Maintenance** program. Given the significant increase in funds available for this program, the City will pave approximately 250 miles next year – 3x the amount paved during Mayor’s Liccardo’s first year as mayor. The budget message also recommends maintaining this funding commitment for the next five years.
- Advancing San Jose’s **new #BeautifySJ campaign** through measures, such as expanding the City’s illegal dumping rapid response team (to improve the average response time to 48 hours), enhancing street clean-up and landscaping on 30 major City corridors, and expanding neighborhood beautification days and the neighborhood beautification grant program to better leverage the energy of local residents.

You can find more details on the City’s FY 2017-18 budget proposal by viewing the [City Manager’s Proposed Budget](#) and the Mayor’s [June Budget Message](#) recommendations.

While the FY 17-18 budget continues to make progress in the City’s goal to restore core services to its residents, Mayor Liccardo also cautioned that projected deficits on the horizon requires that the City remain disciplined in its budgeting in order to avoid painful decisions in the years ahead.

“A prudent and strategic approach to spending requires that we heed the Guiding Principles for Restoring City Service Levels, approved by Council, to ensure services that are restored can be sustained over the long-run to avoid future service disruption,” commented Mayor Liccardo. “We must budget in a manner that anticipates the belt-tightening of the future, by showing the discipline to decline making ongoing commitments to staffing and services now.”

The City Council will vote on the Mayor’s Budget at its June 13 meeting. The City Council will also be holding a final public hearing on the budget on the evening of Monday, June 12.

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