



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**FROM:** Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

**SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT**

**DATE:** 5/28/2020

Approved

*Sylvia Arenas*

Date

5/28/2020

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### **Proposal**

Program/Project Title: Welch Park Dog Waste Stations

Amount of City Funding Required: \$9,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): D8 Parks C&C

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): CE #24

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

Welch Park is the heart of its surrounding neighborhood. Revitalizing the park has been a priority for District 8 so that families can enjoy the benefits of outdoor space freely and safely without encountering negative elements like drug-use and other illegal activities that once plagued this neighborhood park.

Through fundraising efforts and city investments, the park has seen improvements to the on-site community room and the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Capital Improvements team has also planned for the addition of a dog park — an idea that came out of a community town hall where residents shared their hopes for this new phase of the park. Today, the park is regularly visited by dog owners in the neighborhood who anxiously anticipate the opening of their new dog park.

However, many residents worry about the dog waste that is seen across the park today and if there’s anything that can be done to encourage proper dog waste disposal ahead of the dog park opening that

will likely bring even more dog waste to the area. The community once had dog waste stations at Welch Park and believe that having these stations again would help reduce litter and dog waste throughout the open park field so that children can freely play and neighbors can take advantage of the open space to exercise.

This Budget Document calls for installation of five (5) Dog Waste Stations, including bag dispensers, signage, and mounting, to be placed at each entry into the park. Three (3) additional trash cans will be purchased and strategically located in the park. PRNS recommends the use of CD 8 C&C Ending Fund Balance. PRNS identifies the need for ongoing community support to keep the waste stations bag dispensers filled. I agree, and am working in coordination with the Welch Park Neighborhood Association and interested neighbors to ensure the ongoing use of these waste stations.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): D8 Parks C&C Fund

**Department or Organization Contact**

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