



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Johnny Khamis

**SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT**

**DATE:** May 21, 2014

Approved

Date 05/21/14

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative

Amount of City Funding Required: \$25,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): Community Development Block Grant

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

The requested funding will assist in enhancing the community outreach services of the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI). The RLEI program aims to improve the conditions of properties and streamline the delivery of essential services to blighted communities in San José. RLEI also addresses quality-of-life issues in specific, gang-afflicted San José neighborhoods, which is especially needed after the gap in services created by the elimination of the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. The vision of the RLEI is to increase the collective approach to housing issues as well as to create a sense of common accountability. It calls on landlords and homeowners to operate their properties responsibly.

### Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): Community Development Block Grant - Fair Housing Consortium Project

Provide funding to RLEI through a \$25,000 reduction to the proposed \$385,000 budget allocation to the Law Foundation of the Silicon Valley.

Department or Organization: Budget Office

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

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This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services