



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO  
**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**FROM:** Councilmember David Cohen  
**DATE:** 5/26/2021

Approved 

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

**Proposal**

Program/Project Title: Alviso Community Garden Revitalization

Amount of City Funding Required: \$78,866

Fund Type: General Fund

This change is:

- ✓ One-time
- ✓ Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 59

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

Community gardens serve a vital role in the environmental and social wellbeing of a community; they bring neighbors together, make neighborhoods safer, increase property values, teach useful agricultural skills, and offset the environmental impacts of their urban surroundings. District 4 is fortunate enough to be home to several community gardens, but one of the oldest is the Alviso Community Garden, in the heart of San José’s historic Alviso. Unfortunately, over the last few years, the garden has fallen into disrepair and neglect, disincentivizing use and turning what should be a vibrant site for the community to socialize and enjoy the outdoors into an empty, unused lot.

I am proposing \$78,866 in one-time and ongoing costs to support beautification and restoration projects in the garden, detailed below. This work will rehabilitate the garden and bring people together, attract visitors interested in learning about urban agriculture and growing their own produce, and promote eco-friendly

practices in San José. After years of neglect, the Alviso Community Garden deserves to be restored to a place of peace and community for Alviso residents.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

**Alviso Community Garden Rehabilitation and Reintroduction**

Community Activity Worker PT (0.12FTE)	\$6,763
Water Initial Year Funding	\$5,000
Portable Restroom per year	\$960
Irrigation Labor & Materials- Plots irrigation needs new hose bibs and risers need to be redone (main line/water meter may need replacement)	\$20,000
Plots-Supplies & Material	\$6,000
Plot Labor Internal- overtime funding	\$6,532
Unexpected Additions- Replacement of vehicle entry gate, fencing, pedestrian gate (entire front perimeter needs fence replacement)	\$20,000
Amenities- community garden sign, bulletin board, shade structure, tool shed, start up tools/wheel barrels	\$6,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,455</b>

**Alviso Community Garden Ongoing Operations for 30 Regulation Size Plots**

Personal Services (Community Activity Worker PT 0.08 FTE)	\$4,763
Non Personal- Supplies & Materials	\$1,688
Non-Personal- Portable Restroom	\$960
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,411</b>

**Funding Source**

✓ Essential Services Reserve: \$78,866

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

**Department or Organization Contact**

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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