



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Pam Foley

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 05/27/2021

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: South Bascom Ave (South) Urban Village Planner

Amount of City Funding Required: \$675,000 Total, over 2-years

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

Since 2019, the City of San Jose approved three projects within the South Bascom Av. (South) Urban Village, and one more is only months away from being approved. Another affordable housing project is anticipated to be proposed in this urban village over the next few months.

The neighbors have witnessed a host of development proposals coming into this unplanned urban village, and they would like to have the opportunity to give more input into what their neighborhood looks like in the future.

Nearby residents have continually expressed frustration to the District 9 office over their inability to cohesively plan an urban village with robust amounts of community input.

Our General Plan identifies this urban village as Horizon 3. However, developers, real estate agents, affordable housing builders, and the market more generally view this area as a prime neighborhood to be developed today or in the very near future. Without a doubt, this area is ripe for development.

Planning currently does not have staff capacity or the non-personal/equipment funding needed to complete an Urban Village Plan for South Bascom South.

Given this, the Division would need to add one Planner position for two years, which would cover the process from Project Initiation through the Council Hearing.

The Personal Services costs includes two-full years for the position cost. The Division would also need the non-personal/equipment funding to hire consultants to assist with public outreach, plan preparation, and for environmental review.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): General Fund: Personal Services: \$350,000, Non-Personal/Equipment: \$325,000

Department or Organization Contact

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