



# Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Councilmember Pam Foley  
**DATE:** 05/27/2021

Approved *Pam Foley*

Date 05/27/2021

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: Branham Lane Beautification Fence

Amount of City Funding Required: \$60,000 one-time cost, \$4,500 on-going cost

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

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.):

If you're driving Eastbound on Branham Lane from Pearl Avenue, you will find a patch of dirt owned by the city. Adjacent to that patch of dirt is a fence that was funded by Former Senator Jim Beall. The fence funded by the State aims to prevent loitering and trash build-up.

The property adjacent to the state fence, owned by the city often collects garbage, is prone to loitering, and just this year a large fire engulfed the sound wall, climbed over the other side, and risked burning many Tanglewood Townhomes adjacent to the wall. This fire is currently the subject of an arson investigation by the San José Fire Department.

By working with the Tanglewood Townhome Homeowners Association President, we learned there are at least 136 children and at least 57 seniors living in this community. The loitering on the other side of this wall produces smoke, loud music at night, concerns around domestic violence, and worse.

For years, the Tanglewood Community has had a multitude of challenges with people loitering on this patch of dirt.

By building a similarly strong fence as the one built by the State/Caltrans to protect this area for similar purposes from illegal dumping, trash build-up, and other public nuisances, we aim to improve the Tanglewood Townhome Community's quality of life.

The cost is based on installation of 165 linear feet of Ameristar Aegis II – Invincible fence. It matches the adjacent, state owned fence. The on-going costs are associated with \$2,500 for weed abatement and litter clean up as well as an allowance of \$2,000 for fence repairs.

Our office met with about 25 residents of the Tanglewood Townhome Community in mid-April and this was their primary request: That the City build a fence to prevent loitering, trash-build up, and fires from harming the Tanglewood Community.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve: \$60,000 one-time, \$4,500 on-going cost

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

**Department or Organization Contact**

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