



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Kansen Chu

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2011

Approved

Date

5/25/11

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Youth Intervention Services

Amount of City Funding Required: \$479,407

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

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Restoring funding to support Youth Intervention Services will allow the City to continue to provide recreation and community services to our youth through programs such as the Safe School Campus Initiative, STAND, and the continued staff support for the San José Youth Commission.

The Safe School Campus Initiative Program is a partnership between the City, School Districts, Police Department, and County Probation, and addresses youth related violence at schools through their crisis response and communication protocol aimed at preventing and de-escalating incidents of violence on and around school campuses.

The Safe School Campus Initiative Program is an asset to our community and an essential service to our middle and high school campuses. The services provided in this program include: assessments, home visits, referrals for youth and their families, diversion and recreational trips, as well as prevention and intervention presentation to youth, families, community members, and schools. The current proposal would eliminate the program at our middle schools, while only responding to incidents, and retaining a proactive presence at high schools. While I understand that we need to make tough budget decisions this year, I believe that middle school service may be even more crucial, especially our ability to identify early warning indicators in youth and provide intervention and prevention services. The partnership between the Safe School Campus Initiative and other agencies enables the City's ability to create safer schools and communities by ensuring that youth related violence are addressed in a proactive and timely manner.

Youth Commission has earned public recognition for it's City Wide Youth Conference, an event organized by out youth commission in order to empower youth across the City of San José and their ability to inform, inspire, and empower youth to become civic leaders in their neighborhoods. The support of our Youth Outreach Specialists is crucial to the success of our youth commission and youth advisory councils. In order for commissions and councils to succeed, there is a need for good staff that have time to work and support youth leadership, development, and empowerment. Staff is responsible for creating space to encourage critical thinking, encouraging collaboration, promoting responsibilities, and sparking the interest of the members. In addition, staff is able to provide the essential link in connecting youth to local government.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: City Dues/Memberships

Amount of City Funding Change: \$479,407

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

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Restoration of funding to support Youth Intervention Services will ensure the City continues to invest a relatively small amount to leverage substantial benefits by the continuation of recreation and community services for our youth.

Department or Organization: Strategic Support CSA

Department or Organization Contact (Please 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