



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Donald Rocha
DATE: May 25, 2011

Approved

Don Rocha

Date

5/25/11

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Library Hours

Amount of City Funding Required: \$ 3,634,000

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.)

I propose to restore library service to 33 hours per week. As a city, we are justifiably proud of our library system: the combination of brand new facilities and innovative management has made it one of the best in the country. The libraries serve all residents from seniors, to youth, to parents, to unemployed adult job-seekers. I have heard loud and clear from residents from all walks of life – “keep the libraries open” – they are a community asset and a gathering place that cannot be replaced.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Marijuana Business Tax

Amount of City Funding Change: \$ 3,634,000

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.)

The May 13th information memo issued by Deanna Santana, Scott Johnson and Joseph Horwedel indicates that in March 2011, the Marijuana Business Tax (MBT) generated \$290,000 for the City. The memo goes on to say that staff is working to forecast future Marijuana Tax revenue. In the absence of that forecast, I recommend that we devote a portion of any revenue we receive from this source to buying back library service.

Department or Organization: Library Department

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