

# Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 23, 2011

Approved

Date

5/23/1

### RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

## **Proposal**

Program/Project Title: Prioritize Library Services

Amount of City Funding Required: See Below

#### Fund Type 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.)

#### Libraries

Eliminate all services and programs at libraries and reallocate. Use the savings to increase library hours to keep libraries open including the opening of newly constructed libraries yet to open. Libraries are in the City Charter and should be funded so that they are open for business. The additional programs are not part of the Charter. Consideration should be given to programs that are 75% or more volunteer driven.

The topic of increasing volunteer opportunities in our libraries should be discussed with the union to see if there is a way for volunteers to augment current library staff to allow branch libraries to stay open longer.

The City should gather pricing information regarding outsourcing a branch library or multiple branch libraries from a company such as Library Systems & Services which has been providing library services since 1981 and currently oversees libraries throughout the United States including in 47 cities in California in addition to cities in Oregon, Texas, Tennessee and Kansas. The City has an obligation to San Jose residents to investigate all options to keep libraries open.

Program/Project Title: Prioritize Library Services

Amount of City Funding Change: See above

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.)

#### See above

Department or Organization: Library

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

Not	app	lica	ble

This change is:	
One-time	X Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- □ Community and Economic Development Services
- □ Environmental and Utility Services
- X Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- □ Strategic Support
- □ Transportation and Aviation Services