



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Liccardo

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 23, 2012

Approved

Date

5-23-12

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: Martha Gardens Alleyways--Standard Improvement

Amount of City Funding Required: \$1,145,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) Storm Sewer Operating Fund & Construction Excise Tax 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 Martha Gardens alleyways, located between S. 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> streets and Margaret and Martha Streets, have been neglected for a long time. Both alleyways are in extreme disrepair with potholes and little to no paving in most parts. The lack of proper drainage and stagnant water poses a health risk, becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes that transmit diseases. The alleyway is the only way for drivers to access parking stalls and garages to homes on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Staff has indicated that approximately 70% of the problem in the alleyways is storm drain related and can be covered with storm funds. Although staff is currently in the process of submitting a grant to the State to cover a slightly more expensive version of this proposal ("Green" Alleyway Improvement Project) I request that we allocate these funds in case we do not receive the grant funds. The funds are expected to be awarded in early 2013 at which time we can proceed with construction in the Spring of 2013.

**Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: Ending Fund Balance—Operations and Maintenance Fund (XI-93)

Amount of City Funding Change: \$800,000

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

Program/Project Title: Ending Fund Balance (V-647)

Amount of City Funding Change: \$345,000

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

This action would result in improved quality of life for residents of the Martha Gardens area. Improvements to the alleyways' drainage system and repaving will reduce ponding and blight.

Department or Organization: DOT

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:

X  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