



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR MAHAN  
**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**FROM:** Councilmember David Cohen  
**DATE:** May 25, 2023

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Approved

Date: May 23, 2023

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### **Proposal**

Program/Project Title: Silicon Valley Education Foundation Funding for Elevate Summer Program (SVEF)

Amount of City Funding Required: \$75,000 (one-time)

This change is:

One-time     Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): n/a

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.):

Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) is an organization that provides multiple programs to support struggling students, their families, and their teachers. They work to address widening income and racial disparities by targeting 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who come from low-income backgrounds, have low STEM subject matriculation, and have lower graduation rates. In District 4, students from Santa Clara Unified, Berryessa Union School District, and Orchard School District benefit from their programming with Elevate Math and Computer Science Innovate courses.

As a former School Board Member, I always find it important to make sure that our students are given the opportunity to succeed. The programs that SVEF provides gives opportunities to students to elevate their math and science skills outside of their normal classroom hours. One of these programs is the Elevate Math Summer Program which is an after-school and summer program that prepares students for their next-level math course by addressing concepts students struggle with the most. By targeting the most common trouble spots for students and fostering a safe learning environment, they aim to reduce barriers for students and give them the best chance at success in meeting state standards in the classroom.

The program needs \$75k in funding to be able to provide this program in the Summer of 2023, and I request that we fund this through our upcoming budget cycle.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

**Department or Organization Contact**

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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