

Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN FROM: Councilmember David Cohen

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT DATE: May 25, 2023

Approved Quil Colon Date: May 23, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Expanding Access to Dog Waste Disposal at Parks

Amount of City Funding Required: \$172,842 (one-time) + \$132,842 (ongoing)

This change is:

X One-time **X** Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 2

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.):

Throughout the city, there are popular parks that lack access to dog waste disposal dispensers and bags. In order to reduce the amount of animal waste we are aiming for an increased deployment at 40 parks within the City, with four parks per district with four units placed at each.

Currently, the city does not restock the bags, and it has been managed through a partnership with neighborhood groups to keep them stocked. However, prior to budget changes, staff used to stock and maintain these dispensers. I propose that staff return to maintaining these as relying on neighborhood partnerships can be a barrier to access for residents.

Funding Source

X 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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