



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Pete Constant
DATE: May 21, 2009

Approved _____

Date _____

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Park Ranger Program

Amount of City Funding Required: \$1,400,000

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.)

This proposal would preserve the Park Ranger Program and the public's ability to seek both emergency and non-urgent assistance in the City's regional parks. Without preserving this important program calls for emergency services will fall directly to park users. The Police Department will receive more calls for response to criminal or anti-social activities at the regional parks. The Park Rangers are also responsible for supervision of fee collection staff at the parks. Therefore, in order to maintain the supervision of fee collection activities, the addition of 2.25 part-time Account Clerks is recommended as part of this proposal.

Funding Source #1

Program/Project Title: Unit 99 Health Care Savings

Amount of City Funding Change: \$1.25M

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Funding Source #2

Program/Project Title: Additional Park Signage and call boxes

Amount of City Funding Change: \$150,000

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.)

This proposal would retain the ranger services and eliminate the need for additional park signage and call boxes (\$150,000). The remaining necessary funds would be available through the Unit 99 Health Care savings.

Department or Organization: Office of Employee Services

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