



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Pete Constant

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**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: US Green Building Council LEED Certification

Amount of City Funding Required: (\$250,000)+

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) Capital 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 will provide the City with a one-time cost savings of \$250,000 and an ongoing savings of approximately \$100,000 per new city facility. The City has shown great leadership in the area of sustainable design by going through the process of certifying 13 city facilities at various levels of LEED certification ranging from base level certification to platinum. This proposal continues the City's commitment to green building, while also providing a significant savings. The City can, and should, continue to build to the standard set in the city's green building policy. However, there is little value added in having the actual certification and a plaque on the wall. This significant cost savings can instead be used to fund other energy efficiency projects throughout the city to provide greater leverage to our ongoing savings.

## **Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: NA

Amount of City Funding Change: \$ NA

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

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.)

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Department or Organization: Public Works

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