

# Fw: Fiscal Recovery Update & Coronavirus Relief Fund Rebalancing

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Fiscal Recovery Update & Coronavirus Relief Fund Rebalancing

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Please confirm receipt of email below as per required by 10 am for today's Council Meeting.

Thank you,  
Darryl Ospring  
Coyote Creek NA, D2  
[REDACTED]

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> On Sep 22, 2020, at 9:18 AM, darryl ospring <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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> To:  
> Honorable Mayor & Council Members  
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- > Re: SUPPORT / Memorandum
- > Office of Council Member Pam Foley, D9
- > Fiscal Recovery Update & Coronavirus Relief Fund Rebalancing
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- > My name is Darryl Ospring, Board Member & Past President with the Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association of District 2 and a 40 year volunteer with both the City & County which includes:
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- > PRNS Anti-Graffiti & Litter Task Force, Lead
- > PRNS Adopt-A-Park Program, Lead
- > Mayor's Beautification Grant Projects, Lead
- > Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force
- > Dept of Housing Homeless Concerns
- > SJPD Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch, Lead
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- > My background:
- > Educator, Program Director for Low Income State Funded Child Development Center & Advocate for Children with Special Needs
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- > I have also served time as a Park Commissioner for the Santa Clara County Parks Commission.
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- > This is my story:
- > In 2008, while volunteering my time picking up litter along Coyote Road, I found many used Hypodermic Needles only 10 feet from our neighborhood children's OGSD Elementary School Bus Stop directly across from Coyote Creek.
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- > This was a Rude Awakening as "Safety and the Well Being of Children" is my biggest motivator. I dropped everything and began focusing on details of concerns within the "Hidden Places" of City Properties, Open Parcels of City & State Land, our neighborhood Park and within the embankments of Coyote Creek.
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- > Our neighborhood volunteers began partnering with KCCB Deb Kramer (Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful) to remove environmental Hazardous Waste from the Creek and restore the Riparian Corridor conditions from an "Illegal Dumping Hot Spot" to it's original state of beauty for our residents and Park Users to enjoy.
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- > For over a decade, thousands of Man Hours of our neighbors volunteer time has been donated to the City of San Jose FREE of COST to support our Park Maintenance and Environmental Services Staff Crews. We do this because we Love our neighborhood Park, our Trail and the Wildlife within Coyote Creek.
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- > In 2009, Shady Oaks Park (which is on land leased from the County's Coyote Corridor Park Chain and is adjacent to Coyote Creek Riparian)' experienced a HUGE fire.
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- > The Fire was identified by SJFD as started by a Homeless Encampment of Individual's living illegally on Park Property using a propane stove in a heavily weeded area where there is poor visibility within the City's existing overgrown old Walnut Orchard.
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- > The fire spread quickly due to the dry weeds, lack of Fire Hydrants in a rural piece of park land and threatened the following:
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- > 870 Residential Homes
- > Numerous Business's within the Edenvale Technology Park
- > Various Spices of Wild Life

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- > At least three San Jose Fire Station Crews were positioned to fight the 3 story high flames, CalFire Bomber did drops of Fire Retardant while a Helicopter transported Buckets of water from nearby SCC Hellyer Park's Cottonwood Lake to help fight the fast moving blaze.
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- > All of this "Horror & Destruction" from an Illegal Homeless Camp on City Park Land.
- > The fire was a Life Changing experience which our neighborhood will never forget.
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- > Since that Fire, our Neighborhood volunteers have worked diligently with multiple City Agencies regarding Annual Weed Abatements; Identifying Fire Hydrants, working on uplifting the tree limbs of overgrown Orchard Trees for Fire Safety Prevention. We also focused on the prevention of further Homeless Camps relocating within the Park property and along Coyote Creek.
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- > As a result of the fire, the Homeless Community began relocating along 101 Highway, between Caltrans Sound walls & City properties along Monterey Road and many of these camp sites continue to be within yards of residential homes.
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- > There are visible burned areas and remnants of former Illegal Camp Sites where Fires have started by use of Propane Camp Equipment, makeshift Camp Fires for cooking or warming by individuals and also fires intentionally set by Arsonists.
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- > Our neighborhood residents care deeply for the Well Being of all humanity but cannot support the current living situations of sub-standard conditions and the effects to both the "Unhoused & City Residents" as our concerns are:
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- > Blight Increasing
- > Communicable Diseases
- > Hazardous & Human Waste
- > Illegal Dumping
- > Rodent Infestation
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- > CAST YOUR VOTE:
- > To create an effective Service Model for Sustained Investment, Sustained Engagement for our City's future Success
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- > Submitted On behalf of the Board Members
- > Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association, D2
- > Darryl Ospring, Board Member
- > 5077 Corwin Court
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- > Neighborhood volunteers serving 870 residential homes within the City of San Jose for 40 years
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