



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 5, 2019

Approved

Sylvia Arenas pm

Date

3-5-19

SUBJECT: 2019 CITY COUNCIL POLICY SETTING

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept staff report, including results of both rounds of priority setting votes
2. Request that the priority items determined better suited to the Budget Process be referred to the City Manager's Budget Addendums, as outlined in Attachment B.

BACKGROUND

I appreciate the hard work that staff has done to ensure fair and impartial analysis of the priority setting items submitted by Council. I know that it is a tough process, and the first time they've implemented the reformed process that Council passed last year.

Most items have been "yellow-lighted" to priority setting. Some items were green lighted as being something that could move forward under existing work plans. Four items were referred to the Budget Process – including two pieces of my Family Friendly Initiative proposal.

Those two items referred to the Budget Process concern making San Jose city facilities family friendly for visitors and staff, and using city hall as a pilot location for license exempt childcare. The pilot should include the updated Quality Standards for Early Education Programming by the City's PRNS and Library Departments.

In referring them to the Budget Process, the City Manager's Office has communicated that they can green light their little policy work, but that they required too much funding to green light generally.

As such, I am requesting City Manager's Budget Addendums for each item in Attachment B and provide the Council with sufficient information for review as part of the 2019-2020 Budget Process.