



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Dev Davis

SUBJECT: SPENDING PRIORITIES

DATE: June 15, 2021

Approved by:

Date: 6/15/2021

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt the Mayor's June Budget Message.
2. Direct the City Manager to return in the fall with recommended spending priorities that include:
 - a. MBA #2 – BeautifySJ Consolidation and Implementation of Council Direction on Encampments
 - b. MBA #15 – SOAR Program Expansion
 - c. Explore additional State and Federal funding for support of these programs.

DISCUSSION

Our residents have been clear throughout the pandemic that homelessness and excessive trash piling up across our city are two critical priorities that we need to continue our efforts to correct. We have taken steps to tackle these issues through BeautifySJ to address the trash and blight and a pilot SOAR (Services, Outreach, Assistance, and Resources) program at key sites to provide services and build pathways to housing for our homeless neighbors. We have seen these programs working, but we need to do more. It is not enough to just fund pilot programs. We need to fully fund programs that work to make a noticeable difference in our city.

During our economic recovery from COVID, San Jose needs to put its best foot forward in attracting tourism and businesses that want to relocate here. Let's get back to being the "garden city" of the Bay Area and the state. Our residents deserve to live in a safe, clean community.

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