



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Councilmember Bien Doan
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW
DATE: 09/11/23

APPROVED: 

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Approval of the Terms of an Agreement Between the City of San José and Each of the Following Bargaining Units: the Association of Engineers and Architects, IFPTE, Local 21 (AEA), the Association of Maintenance Supervisory Personnel, IFPTE, Local 21 (AMSP), the City Association of Management Personnel, IFPTE, Local 21 (CAMP), and the Municipal Employees' Federation, AFSCME, Local 101 (MEF) for the Term of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with Those Terms; Approval of Side Letter Agreements Between the City of San José and Each of the Following Bargaining Units to Amend Certain Articles in the Current Memoranda of Agreements: the Association of Building, Mechanical and Electrical Inspectors (ABMEI), the Association of Legal Professionals (ALP), the Peace Officer Park Rangers Association (POPRA), the San Jose Police Dispatchers' Association (SJPDA), and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #3 (OE#3) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with Those Amendments; and Approval of Changes to Compensation and Benefits for Executive Management and Professional Employees in Unit 99 and Other Unrepresented Employees (Units 81/82) for Fiscal Years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the staff recommendation with the following inclusions:
 - a. Request that staff identify a cost offset to reverse all or a portion of the Viva Calle and Viva Parks reduction of \$570,000, to be used for restoring all Viva Calle and Viva Parks events for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, through one-time funding.
 - b. Consider prioritizing the restoration of ongoing funding for Viva Calle and Viva Parks in the Mayor's development of his March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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BACKGROUND

There has been a public outcry urging us to save Viva Calle and Viva Parks in District 7, and across San Jose. District 7 constituents, a majority of whom are living in underserved neighborhoods, rely on Viva Calle and Viva Parks to foster a sense of community and promote health. Viva Calle and Viva Parks are dynamic and engaging programs that have allowed residents to transform their relationship with local government, making it a truly critical event to the City.

I recognize that we will have to work diligently and compromise to ensure our budget remains healthy, and that there will be additional challenges ahead. However, removing funding from each of our City Council offices may be easier for some than others, despite how small this contribution may seem.

I propose that we restore funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year through one-time funding to retain all three Viva Calle events, as well as all 100 Viva Parks Events. For fiscal year 2024-2025 and beyond, prioritize restoration of funding through an on-going basis. Cutting Viva Calle and Viva Parks would have an immediate impact on the community we serve by losing opportunities for community engagement, the opportunity to connect with people, and positive programming for all ages.