



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 23, 2020

Approved *Sylvia Arenas*

Date 6/23/20

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF VARIOUS BUDGET ACTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Accept staff report and supplemental memo
- 2) Direct the City Manager to prioritize in the Annual Report restoring \$175,000 from the End Fund Balance Reserve to the San José Police Department's priority spending plan for the Sexual Assaults Law Enforcement Training and Supportive Services Reserve for the purpose of fully funding research, education, and outreach.

BACKGROUND

Thank you to the staff for all their hard work to identify an increase to the 2019-2020 Ending Fund Balance Reserve. The final reconciliation of the 2019-2020 fiscal year will be released in the 2019-2020 Annual Report on September 30, 2020. If the City's finance condition allows, I urge the City Manager to prioritize the restoration of funding to the San José Police Department's priority spending plan for the Sexual Assaults Law Enforcement Training and Supportive Services Reserve.

Since shelter-in-place, we've seen an increase in barriers to reporting gender-based violence including sexual assault, domestic violence, and child/sexual abuse. As our City and County prepares to reopen, we must also reinvest in the Sexual Assault Workplan to prepare for the anticipation of delayed reporting by survivors.

On April 28, 2020 staff reduced the Sexual Assaults Law Enforcement Training and Supportive Services Reserve by \$175,000 from \$690,000 to \$515,000 to ensure that appropriations are not over-expended at the end of 2019-2020. By restoring \$175,000 for the funding for Trauma Informed Care Training, expanding sexual assault educational outreach, and investing in work with stakeholders, including key community service providers we can ensure that the San Jose Police Department is able to explore additional system improvements that elevate the Sexual Assault Workplan.