



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Vice Mayor
Magdalena Carrasco

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 5, 2018

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SUBJECT: 2019 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the 2019 Legislative Guiding Principles and Program
2. Add under 2019 Legislative Program laws that would improve services and response to domestic violence survivors, protect human rights issues that impact survivors, and advocate for increased funding from the state and the federal government to support domestic violence services.

BACKGROUND

The City of San José should make it a legislative priority to support laws affecting domestic violence survivors and their families. We must look for opportunities within the state and federal budget to support intervention and prevention services, improve our response and provide services for our survivors of domestic violence so that we can invest in community-based prevention strategies.

California's final state budget this year included \$10 million in new funding for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention, with \$5 million for each the Rape Crisis and the Family Violence Prevention Programs administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. There will be additional advocacy this year to increase the amount of funding which I hope San José can support. The City needs more resources to address comprehensively the issue from education and prevention, to safety and accountability.

At the federal level, we should support the full funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). Locally, these funds support domestic violence shelters, services for victims of human trafficking, and other services for victims of violent crimes. I hope that we can remain focused on addressing the increasing violence against women and men in our City by prioritizing legislation that would address this serious issue in our community.