

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Esparza

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 7, 2019

Approved

Maya Esparza

Date

6/7/2019

**SUBJECT: JUNE BUDGET MESSAGE
HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEAN-UP PROGRAM MBA #22**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Reaffirm our commitment to comply with the San Francisco Baykeepers Consent Decree and that encampments are not a solution to our housing crises.
2. The four pilot locations will be distributed throughout the various parts of the city and not isolated in one geographical area and council district.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor's budget message includes language supporting Manager's Budget Addendum #22, titled Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Program. Language submitted by staff included, "...piloting a program in 2019- 2020 that provides a temporary moratorium on encampment abatements at certain existing locations." The previous language has raised concerns and has been interpreted by some to indicate that we have given up on our neighborhoods and homeless residents. Recommendation # 1 is intended to provide a clarification in order to assuage some of the concerns that have been raised.

Furthermore, I appreciate the Mayor's desire to keep the pilot sites away from neighborhoods and creeks. In recommendation #2, I recommend that we allow various parts of the City to engage in this pilot in order to glean more comprehensive data. Given the nature of this proposal as a pilot, if we were to simply focus all our efforts in an area that seems to have the highest presence of encampments, our results would be skewed. A true pilot should include non-contiguous council districts from various parts of the City. Given that encampments are present in every council district; it should not be difficult for staff to identify pilot locations that meet the parameters of this recommendation