

COUNCIL AGENDA: 8/11/20

ITEM: 8.1



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 11, 2020

Approved

Date

Sylvia Arenas

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SUBJECT: Actions Related to the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept staff report and recommendations
2. Direct the City Manager to provide in their future Annual Action Plans a sub-plan that demonstrates how federal dollars directly serve families with children
3. Direct the City Manager to include in their CAPER Performance Report a family performance sub-plan report on how many families with children were able to access federally funded services
4. Direct the City Manager to seek recommendations and feedback from the Neighborhood Services Committee on the future use of any unprogrammed Community Development Improvement (CDI) funds

BACKGROUND

I'd like to thank the Housing Department for their work to incorporate community feedback and the needs of our families into the Consolidated Five Year Plan and FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan, especially in these times where many families and vulnerable residents are experiencing extreme hardships and housing instability.

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I appreciate the collaboration and partnership the Housing Department has shown in support of the Family Friendly City Initiative, to ensure that families have the support they need to thrive and stay in San Jose for years to come. To ensure we meet our goal of creating a city that serves all of our families we need to also hold ourselves accountable. By incorporating a way to measure the effectiveness of city housing programs meant for our families, we can make sure that we're successfully meeting our goals of supporting families and improving access to safe and stable housing.

I'm grateful to Jackie and the Housing staff for their commitment to our vulnerable families and children. I know we can continue to strengthen and stabilize our communities if we can continue to be strategic in how we serve our families most in need.