

Legislation Text

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Inter-Department Transfer of District 4 Council Funds to Other Departments. --DROP

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on December 9, 2020:

Adopt the following 2020-2021 Appropriation Ordinance Amendments in the General Fund:

1. Decrease the appropriation to the Council District 4 (July-December) by \$440,000 for the purpose of advancing the underfunded and unmet needs identified herein:
2. Increase the Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation to the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement in the amount of \$200,000:
 - a. \$100,000 to hire consultants to speed up the work unilaterally aligning our General Plan and zoning designations, as mandated by the State of California.
 - b. \$100,000 to hire consultants to further the historical preservation work in San José; identifying sites that merit preservation so that development can proceed without fights over what is and isn't historic.
3. Increase the Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation to the Department of Information Technology in the amount of \$115,000:
 - a. \$30,000 towards the improvement of Vietnamese Language Translation Services in our San José 311 website and mobile channels.
 - b. \$25,000 to reinstate the Purchasing Innovation project so that the Finance and Civic Innovation team can improve procurement speeds, shorten timelines, and increase flexibility. Specifically, the work should focus on identifying advances in purchasing rules and processes for elected officials, technology, and use of small software-as-a-service offerings.
 - c. \$60,000 to enhance digital signage in the public areas of City Hall and Police Headquarters to adaptively direct the public where to go as space uses change, provide instructions and direction in multiple languages, and display culturally-relevant imagery to make public spaces more welcoming and informative.
4. Increase the Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation to the Office of Economic Development in the amount of \$100,000:
 - a. To support the creation of a Citywide Small Business Retention Program within OED's Business Development Division to provide assistance to our local small businesses and entrepreneurs with fewer than 35 employees, which represent a third of the jobs in our city, to help them deal with increased risk of displacement as redevelopment efforts in our General Plan bring new challenges for small businesses.
5. Increase the Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation to the Office of Cultural Affairs the amount of \$25,000:
 - a. To provide grants to artists or fund art projects, supporting the art community through this difficult time when our transit occupancy taxes revenues have fallen, adversely affecting funding for the arts.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Diep)

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