



RULES COMMITTEE: 1/21/26
ITEM: B.2

Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Vice Mayor Pam Foley,
District 09

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DISTRICT 9 SAP
FUNDS FOR ROTARY
CLUB OF SAN JOSE FOUNDATION

DATE: January 09, 2026

Approved

Date 1/09/2026

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve a grant to the Rotary Club of San Jose Foundation to support their Enterprise Leadership Conference in the amount of \$2,500.
2. Forward the item to the City Council for the January 27, 2026 agenda for approval.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to [City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Policy, Policy Number 0-38](#), Section K “Grants,” Item 6 “Any contribution to an organization proposed by the Mayor or a Councilmember who is a member of, or receiving services from, that organization must be approved in advance by the City Council.” I am a member of the San Jose Rotary Club.

Approval is requested to expend \$2,500 from the budgeted District 9 SAP allocation to support the Rotary Club of San Jose Foundation for their Enterprise Leadership Conference (ELC). Foundation funds are used to support community service projects that improve health, provide quality education, and improve the environment.

- ELC is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that teaches high school juniors how to conceptualize an idea for a product or service, develop it, write a business plan and then present it to a panel of judges (similar to the TV show “Shark Tank”)
- ELC is a 3-day workshop held at Asilomar Conference Grounds and created exclusively for motivated and outgoing juniors from public and private schools including schools within ESUSD, SJUSD, CUHSD.

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- Students work in 12, 8-person teams to develop their idea for a product or service. Each team is accompanied by 2 Rotarians that serve as mentors and facilitators for the students.
- Students learn all aspects of entrepreneurship including Marketing, Finance, and Human Resources as they develop their Business Plan. All teams present their Business Plan in a 10-minute presentation on the final day.
- Attendees are students interested in learning about business and employment opportunities.

The Rotary Club of San Jose Foundation is in Active and Good Standing Status with the California Secretary of State and California Franchise Tax Board, and in Current Status with the California Attorney General Registry of Charities and Fundraisers.