

Hi all,

We did it. The Santa Barbara City Council voted 4/2 to fund a Full-Time Spanish language Education & Outreach position at the Santa Barbara City Fire Department. This will be added to their annual budget as a regular position in the department.

Thank you for attending meetings, offering public comment, sending emails and encouraging others to send emails, and for supporting this important initiative.

Jason Dominguez and Kristen Sneddon were consistent supporters. While other council members suggested to reduce the amount and/or make this 1-time funding, Dominguez and Sneddon held firmly. When you have a moment, please send them a note of thanks for recognizing the need for information access or our Spanish speaking community members. CLUE Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee were significant endorsers of this initiative, which prompted the Fire & Police Commission to recommend full year-round funding. The fire department is currently drafting a job description and a job announcement will be posted in July. Congratulations!!

On a national level, Assemblymember Monique [Limón](#) authored AB 1877 which passed the Assembly in May and is currently in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee for review. This bill requires all Offices of Emergency Services to offer emergency information in the most prominent language other than English.

Well done everyone!

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