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District 6 Newsletter **June 2019**

Dear Neighbor,

Every year the city must produce a balanced budget to fund such critical services as police, fire, emergency management, garbage collection, pavement, and traffic infrastructure maintenance, as well as other neighborhood services. This year's budget total is \$4.3 billion dollars. Our focus this year is on saving for the future, public safety, confronting the high cost of housing and living, homelessness, combating blight and a healthier environment. To view the Budget in Brief (the synopsis or Cliff Notes to for the 2019-2020 Budget) go [here](#).

The final budget decision milestones are rapidly approaching. On Monday, June 10, there will be a public hearing on the budget in the City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 6 p.m. This is your opportunity to speak publicly on the budget proposals. Here's a link to the [agenda](#). On June 11, the City Council will review and approve the 2019-2020 Mayor's June Budget Message as well as the 2019-2020 Capital Operating Budgets, 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program, and the 2019-2020 Fees and Charges.

Part of the budget process includes the opportunity for Council offices to pitch ideas for one-time funding of projects through a budget document (BDs) process submitted to the Mayor's office prior to the release of his June Budget Message. This year I submitted BDs requesting funding for replacement of a traffic signal at Monroe and Hedding Streets, a Senior Lunch Program at the Bascom Community Center, LUCAS chest compression systems for the Fire Department, free block party permits for neighborhoods, and a new sound system for the Willow Glen Community Center. We were very successful in securing funding from the Mayor for all requests except the Senior Lunch Program. The Mayor has committed his own staff's efforts to work with me to explore a hybrid approach to the City/County agreement that is currently in place at 13 community centers across the city. I may need my senior community to come out at some point in the future to help advocate for this approach. I'll keep you posted!

I'm very encouraged by the funding of the Monroe and Hedding intersection. This will replace a 1960s signal in one of the City's highest priority areas for reducing congestion and improving safety for pedestrians and will bring the intersection up to current ADA standards. A huge win for all of us!

When we can increase the chances of one of our neighbors surviving a heart stopping incident using technology, I'm all for it. This is the second year I've requested two LUCAS Chest Compression Systems for an additional two fire vehicles and the Mayor has approved it again this year. When a San Jose Firefighter saw my post on social media about the request, he praised the system for its lifesaving abilities. He has given me permission to share this with you:

"I've been a member of SJFD for approximately 23 years. I applaud you...I'm actually giving you a standing ovation for approving the money for the two LUCAS devices in your district...I work at SJFD Fire Station #17 and we've had the LUCAS device on our engine for four years. In this time, we've had four people survive cardiac arrest on our shift alone. I personally believe a very large part of this has to do with the LUCAS device."

After attending several public meetings at the Willow Glen Community Center, I noticed that the sound system in the large hall was old and ineffective. One of the most important things we do in the city is communicate ideas, plans, and goals to our residents. Hearing those communications clearly is critical. A new sound system in the community center will be a benefit for all, but especially our senior population.

Now that the warm weather is here (thank goodness!), I know many of you will be planning your summer block parties. The Mayor has again approved my request for free block party permits citywide. You can obtain your free permit through the police department [here](#). This permit also works very well for your neighborhood's National Night Out events coming up on Tuesday, August 6th. To register your National Night Out event with the police department (this helps public safety personnel to know where and when the events take place so they can stop by to meet neighbors) go [here](#). The police department then shares the locations with my office so I can also try to stop by to say hello! It's never too early to start planning your event.

We're here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 408-535-4906 or district6@sanjoseca.gov.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David".