



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Campos
DATE: 5/21/14

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

To make the City of San Jose's "Gun Buy Back" an annual event in order to continue to remove privately owned and unwanted, illegal and dangerous firearms from our City's streets. These unwanted guns are purchased by the San Jose Police Department and destroyed after purchased. There is a *no questions asked* policy during these buy backs that allow all guns to be turned in without any questions asked of the person or persons turning over the gun. Last year, each hand gun, rifle or shotgun was traded for \$100 and each automatic weapon received \$200. At last year's Gun Buy Back, 463 guns were received and 7 of those were assault weapons. The most effective time to have a Gun Buy Backs is around the December holidays. Gun Buy Backs often remove hundreds of gun off the streets and are an effective law enforcement tool to curbing gun violence by removing guns and stopping accidental shootings, intentional shootings after an unwanted gun has been stolen or the reuse of a weapon that has already been involved illegal activity.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: City of San Jose Gun Buy Back

Amount of City Funding Required: \$25,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Gun Buy Backs often remove hundreds of gun off the streets, last year, 463 guns were received and 7 of those were assault weapons. It is an effective law enforcement tool to curbing gun violence by removing these weapons from society and stopping them from falling into the hands of children or criminals.

Funding Source

**General Fund,
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Department or Organization: San Jose Police Department

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation): There is no certification for the cost of this request. However, the \$25,000 asked for would act as seed money with the idea to match these City funds with other private and public partners.

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services