

County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Two
Supervisor George Shirakawa

Inventory Item
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TO: Supervisor Donald F. Gage, Chairperson
Supervisor Liz Kniss, Vice Chair
Housing, Land Use, Environment, & Transportation Committee (HLUET)

FROM: *George Shirakawa* EG
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SUBJECT: FUNDING REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD
CLEANUP IN GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT ONE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

I respectfully request one-time funding for an additional neighborhood cleanup in Garbage Collection District One, to be used by Supervisorial District Two in fiscal year 2009 - 2010, and to forward this request to the Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 Budget Inventory List with a favorable recommendation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The County of Santa Clara Integrated Waste Management staff is currently investigating the cost of an additional neighborhood clean up for fiscal year 2009 - 2010. Once the cost is identified, staff will know the amount required to fulfill this request.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

During a recent tour of the unincorporated Alum Rock-East Foothills neighborhood, located in my district, it was apparent to me that there appears to be potential significant code enforcement infractions. There are numerous households on large lots with excessive amounts of refuse in their front and back yards. After speaking with residents it is clear that a majority of these infractions are the result of financial hardship, thus unintentional. Nonetheless, this contributes to the blight and unaesthetic appeal of the neighborhood.

It is my intention to educate these residents on code enforcement regulations and provide them opportunities to dispose of their excess refuse. An additional cleanup in fiscal year 2009 - 2010 will assist my office in accomplishing this neighborhood strategy. Providing ample neighborhood cleanup opportunities will decrease the number of code enforcement infractions, provide an opportunity to educate residents, and will assist our code enforcement department in ensuring compliance in a vast neighborhood.

BACKGROUND

The County of Santa Clara has an agreement with Los Altos Garbage Company for Garbage Collection District One. Garbage Collection District One is comprised of Supervisorial Districts Two and Three. To better serve both districts, Garbage Collection District One is divided into five zones; four of these zones fall in Supervisorial District Two, and the fifth zone is a double zone that falls in Supervisorial District Three.

The current agreement between Los Altos Garbage Company and the County of Santa Clara for Garbage Collection District One guarantees four neighborhood cleanups per calendar year. These four neighborhood cleanups are rotated on a need basis. In fiscal year 2008 - 2009, two cleanups were held in Supervisorial District Three and two will be held in Supervisorial District Two on June 6, 2009. According to County staff, it is probable that three of the four neighborhood cleanups for fiscal year 2009 - 2010 will be held in Supervisorial District Two, and one neighborhood cleanup in Supervisorial District Three.