



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR  
November 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: Companion Report: Referral of two health educator positions to the COB FY 2024 budget process

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the Peace and Justice Commission's request for \$150,000 annually for staffing, materials, and supplies for health education and outreach to the Budget and Finance Policy Committee for further deliberation.

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On September 14, 2023, the Budget and Finance Committee adopted the following action: M/S/C (Harrison/Kesarwani) to send the commission item and companion report to the City Council with a negative recommendation, express thanks to the Peace and Justice Commission for their work, and recognize that there is a need for community- and school-based public health outreach, and that the City should consider the recommendation after the completion of the community health assessment. Vote: All Ayes.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this recommendation.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS:

The Peace and Justice Commission has requested \$150,000 annually to fund two health educator positions. The City Manager does not disagree with the potential merit of this request, but rather recommends that Council clearly identify concrete impacts and outcomes for the positions, as well as a budget source, before referring them for funding. Moreover, further deliberation allows Council to work with staff to identify any existing baseline services that could be supplemented, which may provide a more cost-efficient means of meeting outstanding needs than hiring new staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental benefits nor challenges associated with this recommendation.

BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting January 9, 2023, the Peace and Justice Commission adopted the following recommendation proposing the hiring of two health educator positions for the next fiscal year.

M/S/C: Bohn, Jaquin.

Ayes: Lippman, Jacquelin, Bohn, Lee, Morizawa, Gussmann.

Noes: None.

Abstain: Maran.

Absent: Leon-Maldonado.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

A clearer picture of desired impacts and outcomes associated with this request compared to baseline services, as well as financial implications, should be identified at the Committee level before recommending them to the full Council for funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could refer this request directly to the budget process.

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