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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 3:55 PM
To: eComment
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Attn: Mayor Vicente Sarmiento, Mayor Pro Tem David Penaloza, Councilmember Thai Viet Phan, Councilmember Jessie Lopez, Councilmember Phil Bacerra, Councilmember Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Councilmember Nelida Mendoza

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Santa Ana City Council
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: VietRISE Organizational Public Comment - Agenda Item #29

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana Council Members,

On behalf of VietRISE, we urge you to **approve funding for a full-time Vietnamese Community Liaison at the cost of \$150,000 in the FY 2021-2022 budget.**

VietRISE is a non-profit organization based in Orange County that works to advance social justice and organize working class Vietnamese and immigrant communities in Orange County through civic engagement. A large majority of the Vietnamese residents we work with live in Santa Ana. Over the past three years, we have heard countless stories from Santa Ana's Vietnamese residents who have expressed feeling like they have been neglected from city politics and affairs and who often turn to other cities in the county for a sense of community and government resources. One of the biggest barriers that residents have shared with us in regards to accessing Santa Ana's city resources is not having materials readily translated in Vietnamese and not having a city staff member they can comfortably speak to in their language. This has left many Vietnamese residents feeling disenfranchised, ignored, and not part of the city of Santa Ana.

Orange County is home to the largest number of Vietnamese people outside of Viet Nam, and Santa Ana is home to more than 25,000 Vietnamese residents, according to [Census data](#). Not only is Santa Ana significant to Vietnamese people in terms of population, but it also has historical and cultural significance for Vietnamese immigrants and refugees in the city and beyond. The first supermarket owned by a Vietnamese resident after 1975 following the war in Viet Nam and the mass refugee migration to the U.S. was established in Santa Ana. There are countless Vietnamese businesses that still operate in Santa Ana and serve its residents, from



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family-owned Vietnamese restaurants, to temples and places of spiritual significance, to healthcare services, and more that are enjoyed by all residents in the city. There has been a long history of Vietnamese residents' contributions in and to the city that is often not recognized by the city. In addition, the absence of culturally and linguistically competent services in the city has produced a trend where Vietnamese residents will seek support and resources in other cities, particularly Garden Grove and Westminster.

In 2018, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA (AAAJ-LA) sued the city of Santa Ana for violating the CA Voting Rights Act and disenfranchising Asian American voters through the city's at-large elections system. As a result, the city re-drew its district lines and established Ward 1 in the west end of the city to ensure fair political representation in the city council for Vietnamese and Asian residents who make up over 30% of the ward's population. Following the newly re-drawn maps, Councilmember Phan became the first Vietnamese American and second Asian American to ever be elected to the Santa Ana city council in 2020.

Although Vietnamese and Asian American communities have experienced a lack of meaningful and structural access to the political process in Santa Ana, the opportunity to hire a full-time Vietnamese Community Liaison offers a concrete way to address the disparities created by the lack of in-language services and will make local government more accessible to the more than 25,000 Vietnamese residents in the city. A full-time Vietnamese Community Liaison who is fluent in Vietnamese, who has strong and meaningful connections to local Vietnamese community organizations and businesses, and who understands the needs and experiences of Santa Ana's largely immigrant Vietnamese population can be a bridge to fostering meaningful trust and belonging between the city and its Vietnamese residents.

We strongly urge the Santa Ana City Council to approve funding for a full-time Vietnamese Community Liaison at the cost of \$150,000 in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tracy La
Executive Director
VietRISE

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From: Jenny Rios <JennyRios@delhicenter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 1:44 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Item #29 Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-22 City Budget
Attachments: Delhi Center Letter to City Manager.pdf; CalEnviroScreen.pdf

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council

My name is Jenny Rios, a resident of Santa Ana for the past 24 years and the CEO of Delhi Center. I would like to call your attention to the attached letter and supporting documentation our Board President, Juanita Preciado-Hernandez, emailed to City Manager, Kristine Ridge, with a copy to the Mayor and Council, on May 14, 2021 where she expressed Delhi Center's request for financial support from the City of Santa Ana.

Ms. Ridge was very prompt in responding to our letter and we met with her a couple of weeks ago. We provided her with more detailed information about Delhi Center and our request, and she was very supportive of our mission. As you may be aware, Delhi Center has served the community for over 50 years. During the pandemic we responded by providing programs virtually and by doubling our delivery of essential services, such as the distribution via drive-through pick up and door step delivery of food, PPE, and baby diapers, and connecting residents to emergency resources.

The pandemic has taken a toll on our financial stability and we are in need of one-time and annual financial support, detailed in the letter, in order for us to reach a higher level of sustainability that will allow us to better serve the community.

We hope that you will agree with us that a partnership between the City of Santa Ana and Delhi Center will promote social and environmental justice in Santa Ana, specifically in the Delhi neighborhood and will be a mutually beneficial investment that will result in a healthier and more prosperous Santa Ana for all.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the residents of Santa Ana and for your consideration of our request.

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May 13, 2021

Kristine Ridge
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Dear Ms. Ridge:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Delhi Center, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your leadership during the most difficult time our city has ever experienced.

Delhi Center was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1969 and has experienced many transitions throughout the years while steadfastly serving the residents of Santa Ana with programs and services that improve their quality of life. Delhi Center had its start in two WWII era Quonset huts and achieved an historic milestone when it constructed the largest community center of its kind in Santa Ana. With the support of city and elected officials, community leaders, residents, and private sponsors, the Delhi Center opened its doors at its current location at 505 E. Central Ave. on December 17, 2001.

The Delhi neighborhood has historically been burdened by health risks caused by land use patterns, development, and other factors, which are clearly demonstrated by the mapping tool from the Environmental Protection Agency that identifies the most vulnerable and disadvantaged areas in Santa Ana. The Cal Enviro Screen (attached) measures 20 different factors detrimental to quality of life. The combined impact of these 20 indicators, form the basis for ranking census tracts by level of pollution, socioeconomics, and health burdens. Census tracts ranked in the top 25% in total scoring are considered a Disadvantaged or Environmental Justice Community. The Delhi neighborhood is in the red zone, the highest level of disadvantage with a ranking between 91% to 100%.

The City of Santa Ana is to be commended for its efforts to seek to correct inequitable conditions in our city by reducing pollution and increasing public investments in Environmental Justice communities. We have encouraged our residents and program participants to engage in the city's efforts to secure community input in the public decision-making process to prioritize improvements and programs in disadvantaged communities. The residents we serve have expressed to us their priorities of improving public facilities, including the Delhi Center, which we believe can play a significant role in improving the health and wellness and socioeconomic status of residents.

Delhi Center serves approximately 31,000 individuals per year, including over 600 weekly classroom students, over 6,000 program participants, 4,250 through resource fairs and holiday activities, and over 21,000 guests who rent our facility for public and private events. We serve low-income residents with large households, including 52% with an annual household income under \$25,000, 64% of households with five or more individuals, and 25% of children living with only one parent or grandparent.

Delhi Center provides services through a robust network of partner organizations that form a strong collaborative, including government agencies, educational institutions, and private and nonprofit organizations, that uses the expertise of each organization to leverage resources for stronger results. We believe it takes collaborative approaches by leaders rooted in the communities they serve to come together to invest in new ways to do business to shift conditions for the long-term.

At Delhi Center, we offer a variety of cultural arts, martial arts, and educational classes through partner organizations. Our Family Economic Success Initiative (FES), is a collaborative case management strategy to help low-income families fill vocational, educational, financial, and related legal service gaps, so they can make better decisions to earn more, keep more of what they earn, and move up the economic ladder. Our Teens Engaged in Learning and Leadership (TELL) Program trains teens to define and pursue goals for the future, perform meaningful work in the community, and design and implement educational activities that help younger children build resiliency.

Of course, during the pandemic, our programs and services have been offered virtually, with the exception of our food distribution activities. Prior to the pandemic, we conducted a senior pantry twice a month to about 100 seniors. Since March of last year, we doubled our food distribution efforts because of the great need and we currently distribute over 400 boxes of food weekly, serving over 250 residents, including seniors and families. We provide shelf-stable food and fresh products, baby diapers, masks, and other essentials via drive through pick up and door-step delivery.

Throughout the years, Delhi Center has struggled to maintain a fully functional and aesthetically pleasing facility. In 2018, our Board of Directors began a strategic planning process aimed at long-term fiscal sustainability. Delhi Center had recently undergone a significant transformation resulting in an improved organizational structure, the adoption of sound fiscal and operational policies and procedures, and a focused and committed Board of Directors. We were at a precipice, ready to take Delhi Center to the next level of productivity. Then the pandemic hit, and we were thrust into survival mode, which made us realize that we cannot thrive alone.

Delhi Center has a unique relationship with the City of Santa Ana, whereby the organization owns the building and the city owns the land with rights to reclaim the building if Delhi Center fails or upon termination of the lease, which expires on September 5, 2024. The Center is responsible for all facility costs, and we are at the point where the facility requires significant repairs and upgrades to allow us to continue to meet the needs of the community and to serve it well. Delhi Center has consistently partnered with the City of Santa Ana and has made the center available at no cost to different City departments for meetings, community forums, and program delivery throughout the years.

We would like to expand our partnership and explore a financial relationship between the City of Santa Ana and Delhi Center. We seek both one-time funding and regular, annual funding to support our infrastructure and operations. Our one-time funding needs total approximately \$350,000, which would cover the cost of major improvements such as IT infrastructure, system repairs and replacements (HVAC, electrical, plumbing, roof, etc.), lighting and signage, and energy savings. Additional one-time funding needs include computers to provide improved work capabilities for staff, aesthetic

improvements, furniture and equipment replacements for enhanced program capability, and security improvements.

Our on-going annual funding needs are related to our operations, including facility maintenance as well as organizational leadership. Approximately \$150,000 is needed on an annual basis for safety compliance, utilities, deferred maintenance management, and pest mitigation. Additionally, about \$175,000 is needed annually to employ an experienced CEO, which would provide Delhi Center with high level leadership to continue to focus on long-term fiscal stability, board development, increased fundraising capabilities, and expansion of our social enterprise efforts. By building a financial relationship with the City of Santa Ana we could work together to address the inequities created by pollution, socioeconomic distress, health burdens, and all the other factors that have historically impacted the area. New, reliable funding opportunities would allow Delhi Center to establish the foundation needed for long term sustainability.

The pandemic highlighted the need for dependable unrestricted funding sources and a new partnership with the City that is mutually beneficial. We believe the City has at its disposal several one-time use funds as well as ongoing revenue sources that could possibly be used to meet our funding needs, including but not limited to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Measure X, and the Public Benefit Fund provided by the cannabis industry. As a side note, there are 12-14 cannabis retailers within a one-mile radius of Delhi Center, further demonstrating social and environmental justice impacts to the Delhi community.

We hope this request for a financial partnership is timely, both in terms of the planning process of the ARPA funds and the 2021-22 budget cycle. Our desire is to effectuate a new partnership by the end of the year. As such, we would like to invite you to meet with our administrative and board leadership at the Delhi Center so that we can demonstrate the wonderful resource that the center provides and to discuss opportunities for working together to address our community's Environmental Justice issues.

I would like to request that you contact our CEO, Jenny Rios to provide her with available times for a meeting within the next week or so. Jenny can be reached at jennyrios@delhicenter.org or by phone at 714-791-1185.

We look forward to meeting with you and crafting a new and expanded partnership that best serves the City and most importantly, our most vulnerable community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Juanita Preciado-Hernandez

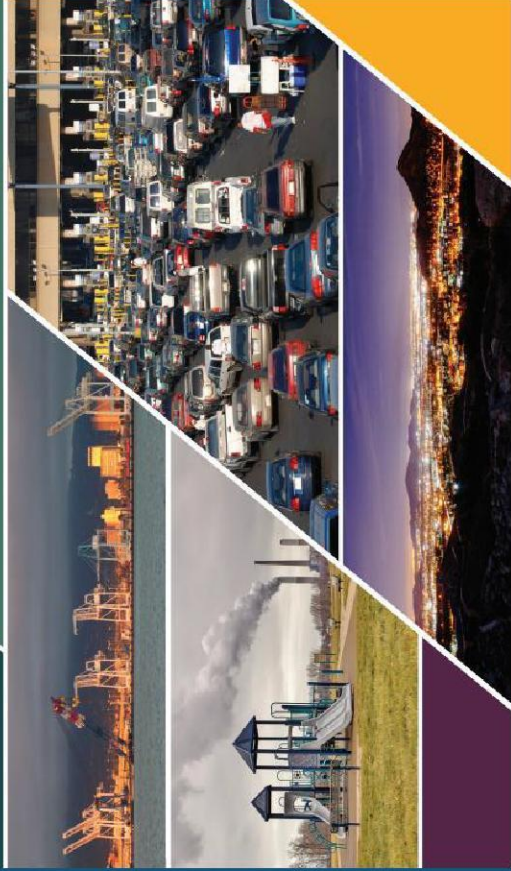
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cc: Mayor and City Council

UPDATE TO THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCREENING TOOL



JANUARY 2017



Matthew Rodriguez
Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency

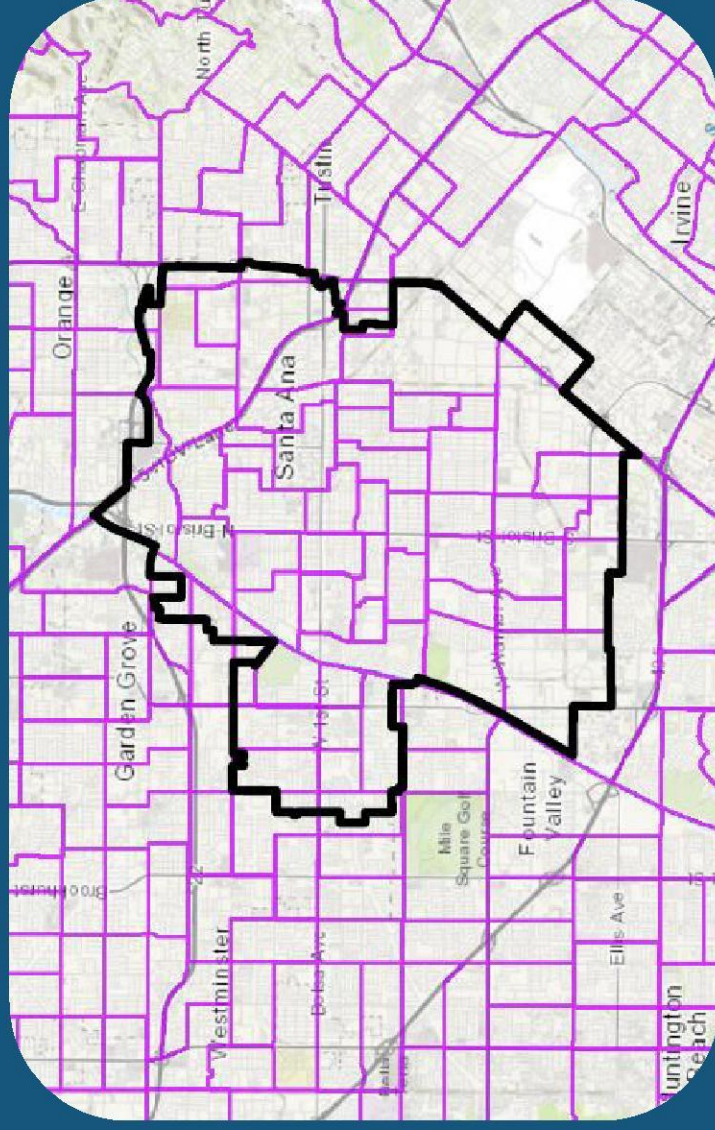


Lauren Zeise, PhD
Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Mapping Tool

CalEnviroScreen (CES) from CalEPA

Evaluates all census tracts in California



CES measures 20 indicators

Pollution Burden

Population Characteristics

Exposures



Ozone



PM2.5



Diesel Particulate Matter



Drinking Water Contaminants



Toxic Releases from Facilities



Traffic



Pesticide Use

Environmental Effects



Solid Waste Sites and Facilities



Cleanup Sites



Groundwater Threats



Impaired Water Bodies



Hazardous Waste Generators and Facilities

Sensitive Populations



Asthma



Cardiovascular Disease



Low Birth Weight Infants

Socioeconomic Factors



Educational Attainment



Housing Burdened Low Income Households



Linguistic Isolation



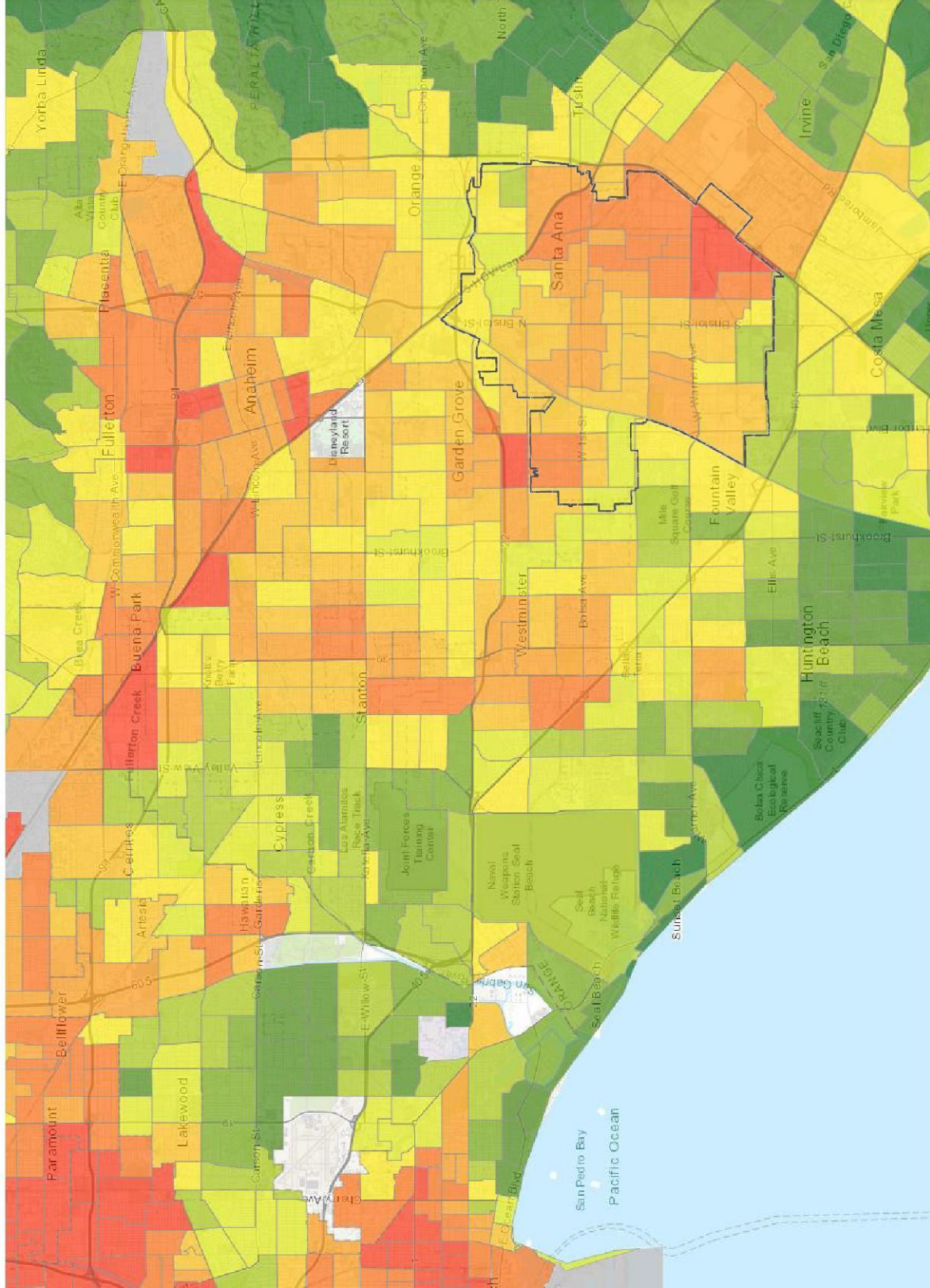
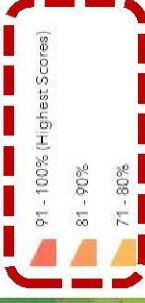
Poverty



Unemployment

Legend

CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Results (June 2018 Update)



Combined scores compared to identify lowest to highest burden

Tracts ranked from 75% to 100% are a disadvantaged or EJ community

Note: The City's approach is consistent with CalEPA methodology.

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From: Greg Camphire <gcamphire@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 1:36 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda item 29: 2021-22 City Budget & the Revive Santa Ana Spending Priorities

Hello,

I would like to provide the following public comment in response to today's City Council Meeting regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-22 City Budget.

In terms of spending priorities, I believe that Santa Ana needs to reorient its budget towards a model that defunds the police in order to refund the people.

Historically, an over-funded and under-trained SAPD has received the largest portion of city revenues. From 2014 to 2020, spending on police has increased exponentially by over \$24,742,900, a 23.1% increase over the past 6 years. These millions do not exclude the additional \$25 million wage increase and the \$21 million from Measure X to hire additional officers. At the same time, our police department is one of the deadliest in the country, with 27 shootings per 324,568 residents. Officer misconduct records have been hidden from the public, while millions of our tax dollars have been spent to settle cases related to police misconduct, brutality, and murder.

This council has a responsibility to put residents first. We are calling on Santa Ana City leaders to break from this ineffective and unequal prioritization of policing in city budgets, and invest in Santa Ana residents. This should include education, employment training, and after-school programs; parks, community gardens, and other green spaces; investments in renewable technologies that help mitigate pollution and climate change; mental health services; rent control and affordable housing; immigration and refugee assistance; healthy food access; and other social services.

The safest communities are not the ones with the most police, but the ones with the most resources.

Thank you,
Greg Camphire
92701

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From: Katrina Tran <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Victor D Mendez <vicdmendez@gmail.com>
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Cc: eComment
Subject: Funding for Vietnamese Community Relations position

I wish to convey my support for budgeting and funding the proposed Vietnamese Community Relations position.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are natural values of the City of Santa Ana. The funding of the proposed position is a reflection of those values and of our shared commitment to each other.

Although unintentional, there are simply gaps and omissions between City Government and the Vietnamese Community. For example, a recent text I received from the City had only English and Spanish content.

Additionally, many governments and businesses are placing strategic priority on DEI. Recently, the OCFA hired a DEI Coordinator.

A few months ago, I spoke to the funding of the City attorney as a budgeted FTE. This position item has been budgeted for 15 fiscal years: hence, the proposed position can be funded by simple reconciliation.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments to this issue of great concern.

VICTOR D MENDEZ
316 West 4th St #207
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and City Councilmembers,

We are Arts and Culture Commissioners MacNair, Russell, and Vu on behalf of the entire Arts and Culture Commission.

As you make the final adjustments to the city's general budget, we urge you to invest in the burgeoning creative economy of Santa Ana as a vehicle for spurring strong economic development and for revitalizing the sense of community among the residents of our beloved "golden" city.

Santa Ana's creative economy is not to be neglected in our work to rebuild post-pandemic. The Arts and Cultural Master Plan (2016) outlines what a powerful driver the creative economy is for the City of Santa Ana in contrast with other municipalities. Jobs in this sector, for instance, currently represent a higher percentage than other large cities across the United States. This economy spans employment and business in fashion, digital creation, media arts, music, culinary arts, theater, architecture, painting, literary arts, education, and more.

It is important to also note that our city has much of the needed infrastructure and resources already in place to grow the creative economy further, in contrast with other neighboring municipalities in competition for these jobs. We have pipelines and pathways already in place, addressing our very youngest residents to our seniors. As such, it is a smart focus for investment to expand/strengthen/reinforce this growing economic engine in order to bolster employment and future business opportunities.

City	Census Bureau Population (2013 Estimate)	Total Number of Businesses (Jan 2015)	Total Number of Jobs (Jan 2015)	Arts-Related Businesses			Arts-Related Jobs		
				Total Arts-Related Businesses (Jan 2015)	Arts-Related Businesses per 1,000 Residents	Percentage of All Businesses that are Arts-Related	Total Arts-Related Jobs (Jan 2015)	Arts-Related Jobs Per 1,000 Residents	Percentage of All Jobs that are Arts-Related
US						3.90%	2.9M		1.90%
Laredo, TX	248,142	10,147	85,444	211	0.85	2.08%	1,711	6.90	2.00%
Santa Ana, CA	334,227	14,394	165,524	528	1.58	3.67%	3,442	10.30	2.08%
Riverside, CA	316,619	14,289	142,200	460	1.45	3.22%	1,369	4.32	0.96%
Anaheim, CA	345,012	18,020	164,313	706	2.05	3.92%	3,246	9.41	1.98%
Long Beach, CA	469,428	20,114	172,421	967	2.06	4.81%	3,565	7.59	2.07%
Portland, OR	609,456	49,441	431,678	3,438	5.64	6.95%	15,590	25.58	3.61%
San Jose, CA	998,537	47,131	391,623	2,024	2.03	4.29%	6,579	6.59	1.68%
San Antonio, TX	1,409,019	69,341	655,811	2,929	2.08	4.22%	11,669	8.28	1.78%

Table 1: A table compiled of workforce data from Americans for the Arts and Dun and Bradstreet, adapted from the Santa Ana Arts Future: Community Arts and Cultural Master Plan 2016.

Our community has suffered because of the absence of the arts during the novel Coronavirus pandemic and shutdown. Our first responders have helped to save lives; our artists, as second responders, are needed in the healing process. The Arts and Culture Commission recommends two considerations for funding: (1) funding to kickstart the arts community through funding streams from the American Rescue Plan Act (2) sustainable, ongoing funding from the Santa Ana General Budget not tied to grants and short-term funding streams. We propose the following two areas of investment and recommended funding sources. The ACC Master Plan already has designated a 2% from CIP city projects for public art which needs city council approval to enact.

<u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)</u>	\$1,000,000	
Arts & Economic Prosperity Study		\$9,000
Grant for Recovery Program		\$500,000
Arts for Homelessness		\$100,000
Youth Programming		\$100,000
Neighborhood Arts Program		\$200,000
Mural Restoration		\$40,000
Cultural Events		\$51,000
<u>GENERAL BUDGET (Ongoing)</u>	\$275,000	
Grant Program		\$175,000
Arts Education Programming		\$100,000
<u>FUNDING SOURCES</u>		
Cannabis		
Initiative 8.1.1: Adopt a two percent for art ordinance or policy for all City CIP projects (from ACC Master Plan (2016))		

Table 2: A breakdown of proposed arts investments.

“Arte cura” is uttered often by the artists and arts advocates here in Santa Ana. That is because the arts are also an incredible vehicle for connecting people and inspiring those who feel isolated or discouraged—as many of us have experienced in unprecedented ways during this pandemic. Investing in the arts is an investment in our economy, and it is also an investment in our people. It is an investment in

avenues to connect Santa Ana residents to each other, to motivate them to imagine new futures for themselves, and to make and participate in an array of beautiful things—music, murals, crafts, projects, plays, dances, festivals, and relationships, to name a few—together that will enhance our communities and build artistic literacies in our residents that fuel the economic aspect of the arts and culture.

As representatives of your Arts & Culture Commission, we will uphold our sworn oath to carry out the tenants set forth in the arts and culture master plan to support and sustain the creative economy and artistic endeavors as a dynamic and highly visible aspect of the city with the potential to attract visitors, tourism, and economic trade as a regional arts destination.

As a city that prides itself so heavily on its rich arts and cultures, it is essential that Santa Ana keeps its residents' values in mind when considering funding. We urge you to be the leaders of Santa Ana who are brave enough to see these dual opportunities to advance economic prosperity and to build stronger community bonds post-pandemic and leverage the arts and creative economy sectors as a vital economic engine for the city. And, more importantly, we urge you to be the leaders who take action on behalf of your communities.

Respectfully,

On behalf of the entire Arts & Culture Commission

Commissioner Indigo Vu,

Commissioner Debra Russell, &

Commissioner Robyn MacNair

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June 1, 2021

The Honorable Vincente Sarmiento and Council
22 Civic Center Plaza,
Santa Ana, CA 92701

To Mayor Sarmiento and Members of the Council,

I write to support the following council meeting item to be agenzized for your City Council Meeting on June 1, 2021.

4. Include funding for a Vietnamese Community Liaison. A part-time position has an estimated cost of \$60,000, and a full-time position has an estimated cost of \$150,000. If funding is included, staff will create the job classification and return to the City Council for final approval prior to conducting recruitment.

Santa Ana was the birthplace of Little Saigon, the largest community of Vietnamese people outside of Vietnam. As of the 2010 Census, Santa Ana serves over 35,000 Asian residents, more than 25,000 of whom are of Vietnamese descent. Like the City of Santa Ana, the Senate District I represent also encompasses a large population of Vietnamese descent. In my office, we have Field Representative positions that primarily oversee and liaise with the Vietnamese community. Their work has been invaluable to keeping us informed of important community concerns, events, and culture. Subsequently, they helped us build a strong relationship with the Vietnamese community members, organizations, and institutions to better serve all residents.

The budget allocation of \$210,000 for a part-time and full-time position, whose salary and benefits commensurate with experience, will allow the City of Santa Ana to recruit ideal candidates capable of translation services and have trusted relationships with the broad landscape of Vietnamese-language media and the Vietnamese business community.

I understand and have witnessed how valuable having Vietnamese-speaking staff as liaisons are to my office and my District. Therefore, I commend the Mayor and Members of the City Council for agenzizing this item and fully support the City's budget ordinance and recruitment for a Vietnamese Community Liaison.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Umberg
State Senate, District 34

Orozco, Norma

From: Bruce Dinh <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 7:13 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Make the Deportation Defense Fund Permanent and Increase it to \$300,000

City Clerk ,

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

I urge you to expand the city's Deportation Defense Fund by allocating funding every year at the level of \$300,000 starting in this FY 2021-2022 budget and making the program

Since the establishment of the legal representation fund in 2017, the city has provided critical legal defense to 46 Santa Ana residents facing detention and deportation. In doing so, the city has been committed to ensuring the right to due process for immigrants and refugees.

I urge you to continue this commitment to immigrant human rights in the city of Santa Ana by making this a permanent program and increasing the funding to \$300,000 a year.

Thank you.

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Orozco, Norma

From: Tristan Miller-Mansey <tristan@mansey.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2021 12:49 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 29

Dear Santa Ana City Council and Staff,

I fully support agenda item 29 introduced by Thai Viet Phan to allocate staff to allocate a full-time position to engage with our Asian American community - especially the Vietnamese community. It is so important to represent and liaison with our communities for the welfare and support of our citizens and having materials translated so our community has access to resources and information.

Thank you!

Tristan Miller
Ward 3 Santa Ana Resident

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Orozco, Norma

From: timrush@bhhscaprops.com
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:12 PM
To: eComment
Cc: Ridge, Kristine; Mendoza, Steven; Valentin, David; 'Irma Jauregui'
Subject: Front Page story in Wall Street Journal today "Cities Reverse Police Defunding Amid Rising Crime"

Presume you all have access electronically to the WSJ.....take time to read this informative article addressing an issue of great importance to us all. In city after city including Milwaukee, WI, LA, NYC, Baltimore etc. much if not all of the cuts have been restored amid dramatic rises in crime. The answer is MORE training and more Police Officers not less. The other evening I made a call and it took three hours to get a patrolman out.....and the summer hasn't even started.

Have a pleasant holiday weekend.

Tim Rush, Wilshire Square

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