



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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DATE: May 16, 2025

TO: Honorable Councilmember Henry Foster III, Budget Review Committee Chair,
and Honorable Budget Review Committee Members

FROM: Rolando Charvel, Department of Finance Director and City Comptroller

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Review Committee Referral Responses for May 5, 2025

This memorandum provides responses and/or follow up information to unanswered questions asked at the Budget Review Committee meeting held on May 5, 2025. The responses are listed by department in the order they were reviewed by the Committee.

Operational Support Branch Overview

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

QUESTION: (Environmental Services) Why was the supplemental Program Manager that supports the Clean SD program not funded in the prior fiscal years (Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025)?

RESPONSE: This position was initially established as a supplemental role to support an emergency program, which was intended to be temporary in response to a public health emergency. Since then, the program has evolved into a key component of the City's comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness, with a growing and vital impact. As the program's importance and visibility increased, it became clear that this position should be made permanent. Once it was recognized that the position had remained as supplemental, efforts were initiated to include it in the budget moving forward. The program currently employs over 80 classified staff, with this single Program Manager position overseeing its operations. While we do not have the historical context regarding why this position was not funded in prior fiscal years, the current leadership fully acknowledges its value. The continued success of this program depends on the ongoing leadership and management provided by this filled position.


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