




THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2026  
TO: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria  
FROM: Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee, District 6   
SUBJECT: Request to Reallocate \$1.8 million of Election Savings

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Similar to prior years, the approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget required this City Council and administration to make challenging decisions in order to address the structural budget challenges we continue to face.

Our FY27 adopted budget ultimately restored funding for essential community services such as recreation centers and libraries, various public safety needs, stormwater channel maintenance, and more. However, the approved budget also left unaddressed – various funding requests made by departments for critical resources and needs.

The FY27 adopted budget includes \$2.3 million in ongoing funding allocated to November 2026 General Election costs, with \$1.8 million set aside for potential ballot measures under consideration.

No ballot measures are moving forward for consideration this November. As a result, it is anticipated that funding previously identified for ballot measure-related costs are now available to be reallocated to other critical General Fund priorities, especially those that arose during the FY27 budget discussions.

As the City prepares to implement the FY27 budget, I respectfully request consideration that the \$1.8 million be allocated to the following priorities:

- \$250,000 for San Diego Fire-Rescue – Bomb Squad Unit Partial Restoration
- \$250,000 for San Diego Fire-Rescue – 1 FTE, Community Resource Officer
- \$500,000 for Fleet Maintenance Technician Restorations
- \$500,000 for One-Time Brush Management Support
- \$300,000 for Additional Library and Recreation Center Restorations

Thank you for your consideration as we move forward in FY27 adopted budget implementation.

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