



## Press Release

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### Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco Finalizes Results for First-Ever Participatory Budgeting Project

*San José, CA* — On December 5, 2017, Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco announced the final projects that will be implemented through her first year’s Participatory Budgeting Project. Over 750 East San Jose residents voted for 9 projects out of 17 potential projects to be seen around the community. Vice Mayor Carrasco’s office will be spending \$100,000 to improve library programs, help pedestrian safety, liven up the Alum Rock business corridor, and much more.

Residents, ages 12 and older, were eligible to vote as well as those who worked or practice their religion in District 5. A list of the winning projects can be found below:

CATEGORY - Idea	Cost
STREETS - Upgrade outdoor, decorative lighting along the businesses in the Alum Rock Ave Business District	20000
ENVIRONMENT - Installation of trees on open land throughout the district.	15000
SAFETY - Upgrade lighting at the corner of Mt. Pleasant and Marten Ave.	4000
SAFETY - Upgrade the LED lights on the Sunset Pedestrian Bridge to increase visibility and safety	15000
EDUCATION - Purchase supplies and Online courses for Honors Club at the Alum Rock and Hillview Libraries	5000
PARKS - Fix the bathroom at Hillview Park	25000
EDUCATION - Purchase printer and printer supplies to print training courses for Play & Learn parent workshops at Alum Rock Library	1000
STREETS - Install street banners throughout the district to promote pride and discourage blight	12000
YOUTH - Purchase interactive board and video games, prizes for participants and supplies to support existing Tween/Teen Game Program at Hillview Library	2500

This process began over a year ago with the District 5 office hosting informational meetings in order to form a steering committee. The steering committee was formed and held meetings in November to start forming the rules for the Participatory Budgeting process. In the months that followed, budget delegates were chosen and ideas began to be collected.

100 project ideas were submitted and looked over by the budget delegates. The budget delegates are community members who worked together to decide which projects fit the guidelines and parameters that were set forth by the steering committee. Many projects did not pass but will be receiving feedback on how to change things in order to be voted on.

As of today, the winners will be contacted and connected with the appropriate city departments to begin the process to complete these projects in the next several months.

Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco will also be beginning her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Participatory Budgeting in January 2018. Expect the next round to kick off in the middle of the month!

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