



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/21/2024

ITEM NO: 11

DESK ITEM

DATE: May 21, 2024

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Conduct a Public Hearing on the Town of Los Gatos Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 and on the Proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY 2024/25 – FY 2028/29

- a. Consider the Recommendations of the Finance Commission;
- b. Provide Direction on the Proposed Operating Budget;
- c. Provide Direction on the Proposed Capital Budget;
- d. Approve the FY 2024/25 List of Potential Donations Consistent with the Town's Donation Policy and
- e. Review and Approve the Town Investment Policy

REMARKS:

Attachment 11 contains public comments received between 11:01 a.m. on May 16, 2024 and 11:00 a.m. May 21, 2024.

Attachments Previously Provided:

1. FY 2024/25 Proposed Operating Budget
<https://www.losgatosca.gov/2957/Proposed-FY-2024-25-Operating-Budget>
2. FY 2024/25 – 2028/29 Proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget
<https://www.losgatosca.gov/2956/Proposed-FY-2024-25-Capital-Budget>
3. List of updates related to corrections based on staff and Commissioners review and comments
4. FY 2024/25 Finance Commission Operating and Capital Budget Recommendations
5. Sample Reconciliation of Carry Forward Amounts between Multiple CIPs
6. Anticipated Capital Expenditures FY 24/25 and FY 25/26
7. Town of Los Gatos Donation Policy
8. Town of Los Gatos Donation Opportunities: FY 2024/25
9. Town Investment Policy
10. Public Comment Received Before 11 a.m. on May 16, 2024

PREPARED BY: Gitta Ungvari
Finance Director

Reviewed by: Town Manager

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SUBJECT: FY 2024/25 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

DATE: May 21, 2024

Attachments Provided with this Desk Item:

11. Public Comment Received Before 11 a.m. on May 21, 2024

From: Richard Kananen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 10:41 PM
To: Mary Badame <MBadame@losgatosca.gov>; Matthew Hudes <MHudes@losgatosca.gov>; Rob Rennie <RRennie@losgatosca.gov>; Maria Ristow <MRistow@losgatosca.gov>; Rob Moore <RMoore@losgatosca.gov>; Town Manager <Manager@losgatosca.gov>; Attorney <Attorney@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: TC MTG 5/21/24-Item 11 – Funding for LGSR Programs

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

From: Richard Kananen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024, 11:40 PM
To: Mary Badame mbadame@losgatosca.gov,
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SUBJECT: TC MTG 5/21/24-Item 11 – Funding for LGSR Programs

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ref Attachment 10 – Public comments letter from the LGSR Executive Director to the LG Town Manager dated March 27, 2024: In the General Considerations paragraph, it says, among other things:

“RECOMMEND POLITICAL OR CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUPS BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE FACILITIES.”

Does this also mean that we cannot hold forums for Town Council candidates too? Does this mean the League of Women Voters is prohibited from sponsoring forums?

Considering what the ACLU stated in their April 18, 2024 letter to the LGS Rec, it seems to me that the LGSR Executive Director and the Los Gatos Town Manager are collaborating to suppress First Amendment rights in our Town.

I think that this proposed prohibition should be openly discussed and justified instead of buried deep in the last attachment of Attachment 10 to this Budget item.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Richard Kananen
Los Gatos

From: Lee Fagot [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 6:51 PM
To: Gabrielle Whelan <GWhelan@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: LGS Rec lease agreement proposed changes

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Gabrielle,

Sorry I did not send this to you earlier but only became aware of it myself this afternoon. This indicates that the LGS Rec lease agreement for the main ARC building is also being proposed for changes in a March 27, 2024 submission to the Council and Town Manager. While not labeled specifically on the agenda for tomorrow's Council meeting, this proposal in the attachment is being considered for negotiations soon, I would suspect.

Therefore, I propose that any contracts being considered at this time by the Council with LGS Rec to be pulled from consent and more detailed analysis be conducted as they could impact the other agreements in place between the Town and LGS Rec. Reviewing the link below and attachment will provide the background info.

Thanks, and sorry about multiple messages today, but finding the files has been something of a challenge.

Lee

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> <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/losgatos-meet-cfc2387c088b4d3a933e71661acbbc1e/ITEM-Attachment-001-2bfdd13ab41748c984216ff70bc1d910.pdf>

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From: Hyuma Leland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:11 AM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Please support increasing the rental assistance plan to \$30,000

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

We need to prevent homelessness and support affordability by supporting tenants on the verge of eviction. \$15,000 is not enough. Therefore, I support the proposal to increase these resources to \$30,000.

Hyuma Leland

From: Carmen Lo [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:18 AM

To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Comment on Los Gatos' Budget in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 - Housing Assistance

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to the Los Gatos City Council as a resident of the town of Los Gatos. I am not writing in my capacity as a Commissioner on the Los Gatos Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission.

I understand that shortly you will be considering the budget for Los Gatos for the next fiscal year, 2024-2025. The lack of affordable housing and the rates of individuals who are unhoused, many of whom are children, is at an all-time high and is a crisis for the state of California. Los Gatos has an obligation to do its part to prevent homelessness and assist tenants who are on the verge of eviction. Staying housed is critical for families to maintain stability for children and for parents to maintain employment. We must do everything we can to help members of our community stay in their homes. The current allocation of \$15,000 for housing assistance is not enough. Therefore, I support the proposal to increase these resources to \$30,000 or more.

Thank you,
Carmen Lo