

**FY 2019-20 Budget Amendment Form**

**Budget Amendment Description**

Staffing for temporary fire station in Del Valle

**Strategic Outcome Alignment (Which of the 6 Strategic Outcomes does this support?)**

Safety

**Lead Sponsor**

Garza

**Cosponsors (optional)**

Alter; Tovo (pending)

**Amount and Source of Funding**

| Ongoing | One-Time      | FTEs | Source of Funds                        |
|---------|---------------|------|--|
|         | \$ 900,000.00 |      | Existing funds in AFD operating budget |
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**Additional Information**

Del Valle residents have been waiting for years for action on building and staffing a fire station in their area. For these residents and for me, this is both a public safety issue and an equity issue—as an underserved community, Del Valle has to endure longer response times, and those longer response times lead to higher insurance rates for residents. We have been working to address this problem for years with multiple resolutions (No. 20160324-009 and No. 20180524-035 in particular) and action in prior budgets. I'm very happy that we have broken ground on the Moore's Crossing station in Del Valle, but these residents remain underserved until the station is open and staffed in the summer of 2020. I would like to see staff find the funding to staff a temporary fire station at the tollbooth until the nearby Moore's Crossing station is open so we can reduce response times and start the ISO ratings clock that will lead to relief in residents' insurance rates as quickly as possible.

I want to make it clear that I do not support diverting a unit from another District 2 fire station, as it would create a precedent that funding for services must come from the same district in which they will be reallocated. This type of reallocation is not fair to council districts that already have scarce resources and is especially troubling in a city with historic inequity and income inequality. I support AFD's Command Tech staffing plan, but I propose delaying the implementation of Command Tech until FY21 so the savings can be used to fund staffing at the temporary fire station. Delaying the implementation of Command Tech appears to result in greater savings than needed only for staffing the temporary fire station, so I support using those surplus funds to address other pressing needs, such as wildfire mitigation.