



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED  
**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**FROM:** Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen  
**DATE:** May 21, 2014

Approved

*Madison Nguyen*

Date

*5/21/2014*

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

### Proposal

Program/Project Title: Restoration of San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit

Amount of City Funding Required: Not more than \$1,000,000.

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Property crimes in San Jose have been on the rise over the last several years, response times have diminished, and arrests have fallen. Because of the slow economy and responsibility of balancing the budget, the city council laid off police officers, which resulted in the loss of the former Burglary and Fraud Unit. The officers from these units were redeployed and burglaries are currently investigated by patrol officers.

In order to address this increasing concern, which has affected residents across the City, we should restore this unit. Showing a dedicated commitment to respond to these types of crimes would be a great reassurance to our residents and show thieves that this will not be tolerated.

Previously, the Department indicated that it would cost \$936,541 to restore the Burglary Unit. However, we can achieve greater savings by drawing staff from positions such as civilians, retiree rehires, and Community Service Officers (CSOs) to do follow up and case management. If these positions are utilized, the cost to restore the Burglary Unit could be significantly less.

### Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund

Department or Organization: San Jose Police Department

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

       One-time        X   Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services