



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Pete Constant

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 19, 2010

Approved

Date

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title: Restore Patrol Officer Positions (3 FTE)

Amount of City Funding Required: \$400,491

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

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

This will re-allocate existing General Fund dollars to preserve much needed and essential police officer *patrol* positions, while preserving the ability for the police patrol units to respond to calls for service.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Eliminate Day Detective Staffing

Amount of City Funding Change: \$456,484

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

Anticipated Outcomes:

It has been well documented that the City of San Jose is critically short of police resources. An analysis by the Police Department shows that the City needs to hire *hundreds* of police officers and non-sworn personnel to adequately provide police response and investigative services to the over 1 million residents and tens of thousands of business and visitors.

During the course of eight years of budget deficits, the City has been able to balance the budget without significantly reducing the number of police officers and has been able to maintain patrol officer staffing at a fairly consistent number. Now, as we enter into FY10-11 with a deficit of unprecedented proportions, the Council is faced with a budget that proposes reducing the dayshift and midnight shift patrol teams by a full 20%. The impact of these severe reductions will be felt in every neighborhood throughout the City and pose an immediate threat to our officers' safety.

As a City, we must do everything within our power to ensure that the number of line-level patrol officers is not reduced, as these officers are our first responders and first line of defense.

The Day Detectives act as a liaison between police patrol units and investigators in the Bureau of Investigations. The Day Detectives respond to crime scenes to coordinate investigative actions with the patrol units on scene.

Prior to the establishment of the Day Detectives, on-duty detectives in the Bureau of Investigations responded to crime scenes to provide the same function as the Day Detectives currently provide. There is usually no overtime involved, since the detectives were already on duty. The department operated without the Day Detectives for decades.

Given the critically low staffing in the patrol division, these police resources would have much greater value and impact if they were re-allocated to police patrol services where the need is immediate, increasing the safety of the general public and the safety of patrol officers.

Department or Organization: Police Department

Department or Organization Contact (Please 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