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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Debra Figone

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS
OF THE SAN JOSE MOUNTED UNIT

DATE: December 16, 2010

INFORMATION

The Police Department Horse Mounted Unit was recommended for elimination as part of the 2009-2010 City Manager's Proposed Budget due to the severe General Fund shortfall projected that year. However, as part of City Council's approval of the 2009-2010 Mayor's June Budget Message, the Horse Mounted Unit was restored on a one-time basis and the Administration was directed to enter into an agreement with the Friends of the San Jose Mounted Unit to formalize their financial support of that unit as they agreed to fundraise to preserve these services. In order to provide more time to complete fundraising efforts, the Horse Mounted Unit was again funded on a one-time basis in 2010-2011 through an approved staffing service delivery model change and one-time funding of approximately 280,000 for one maintenance worker, overtime, horse and staff training, feed/equestrian supplies, veterinary services, farrier services, and office supplies. The unit is now currently scheduled for elimination effective June 30, 2011.

The Administration and the Friends of the San Jose Mounted Unit have worked collaboratively over the past many months and I am pleased to report that we have reached a fundraising agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to preserve the Horse Mounted Unit through at least 2011-2012. As the table details below, the MOU sets a goal for the Friends to raise the \$280,000 required to operate the unit. In order to allow time for the fundraising efforts, the total funding need for the upcoming fiscal year is achieved through three quarterly fundraising goals.

Fundraising Goals	Deadline for Achieving Fundraising Goals	Period of Operation of the Horse Mounted Unit
\$70,000	March 4, 2011	July 1 – September 30, 2011
\$70,000	June 1, 2011	October 1 – December 31, 2011
\$140,000	September 12, 2011	January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012

I want to express my gratitude to the Friends of the Mounted Unit for taking on this enormous fundraising effort to preserve these services on behalf of the City and wish them the best of luck of reaching the fundraising goals as outlined in the MOU and this memorandum.


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City Manager

For questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Jennifer Maguire, Budget Director, at 535-8144.