



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Ash Kalra
Councilmember Kansen Chu

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 8, 2012

Approved

Date

6/8/12

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S 2012 JUNE BUDGET MESSAGE

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Mayor's June 2012 Budget Message with the following amendment: create a burglary investigation unit within the SJPD utilizing the funding sources described below.

BACKGROUND

Everyone on this council is well aware of the increase in burglaries within our city, as well as the decreased ability of our police force to respond to and investigate these crimes. Protecting the homes of our residents is, in our opinion, a core service that we must provide. Accordingly, we are recommending the creation of an SJPD unit dedicated specifically to investigating burglaries. This unit would be comprised of one sergeant and five police officers, which would require funding in the amount of \$537,199 in 2012-2013, and \$956,766 ongoing (including personnel and non-personnel costs).

We have enough funds to ensure the operation of this unit for at least the next two years. The proposed budget currently recommends repaying the \$2.3 million balance of the fiber optics loan from the Sewage Treatment Connection Fee Fund. We believe that these funds can and should be put to better use. There can be little doubt that our residents would choose creating a burglary unit over repaying a loan to ourselves that does not have to be repaid yet.