



RULES COMMITTEE: 08-29-12
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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Ash Kalra

SUBJECT: Examine Options for Law
Enforcement Assistance

DATE: August 29, 2012

Approved

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Ash Kalra J.C.

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1.) Add the following to the September Public Safety Study Session agenda: a discussion of the options available for seeking mutual aid or other forms of law enforcement assistance from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, or any other law enforcement agency.
- 2.) Direct the Police Chief and any appropriate staff to report to the Council at the Study Session on the following topics:
 - a. Which agencies could provide assistance if requested?
 - b. How much assistance and for how long?
 - c. What is the process for requesting such assistance?
 - d. Any other information deemed relevant by the Police Chief.

BACKGROUND

Little needs to be said about the recent spate of violent crimes in San Jose. Over the last couple of weeks, there has been much discussion about whether San Jose can and/or should seek the assistance of other law enforcement agencies. However, most of this discussion has been informal, and few concrete facts have been set forth regarding outside assistance from other agencies. It is not entirely clear which organizations could provide assistance if asked, how much assistance could be provided, and how such assistance would be requested. These are just a few of the unanswered questions.

At the upcoming Public Safety Study Session, it would be very helpful to know what options are available to the City. It may very well be that the decision is made to not pursue any such assistance, but given the current circumstances in San Jose, we should at least be fully informed about the options available to us.