

San Jose Coalition for Immigrants Rights

Sunshine Reform Task Force
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

March 2, 2007

Dear members of the Sunshine Reform Task Force:

On behalf of the San Jose Coalition for Immigrants Rights, we urge you to support a strong policy of open records for the San Jose Police Department. We understand that you are currently considering new policies for making the City of San Jose more open to the public.

The San Jose Coalition for Immigrants Rights was formed in 2006 to organize the large immigrant rights rallies of April 10th and May 1st last year. Our member organizations are advocates for fair and equal treatment of immigrants in our communities. We also call for comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.

Interactions with law enforcement officers are among the many concerns shared by immigrant communities. Immigrant families want to be treated fairly by police officers, regardless of our ethnicity or country of origin.

Members of our community engage in direct dialogue with the San Jose Police Department. It is also important that we have the ability to independently review SJPD policies and records. It is very important that our local government be open with the community. This is especially true for the San Jose Police Department.

Unfortunately, the San Jose Police Department does not currently release copies of its police reports to the public. As a result, immigrant rights advocates cannot review SJPD reports to get independent answers to important questions. These questions include the following:

- Do SJPD officers ever treat people differently when they believe them to be immigrants?
- Are SJPD officers more likely to use force against Latinos than other members of the population?
- How often do SJPD officers work with federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement officers (ICE)?
- How often do SJPD officers apprehend undocumented workers?

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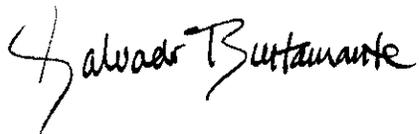
- Are SJPD officers involved in actions that lead to the deportation of undocumented workers? How often?

Other major police departments in Northern California already share their records with the community when asked. This is true for the San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley police departments. We believe that the same should be true for the city of San Jose.

Sincerely,

San Jose Coalition for Immigrants Rights (SJCIR)

On behalf of the SJCIR Steering Committee:



Salvador Bustamante
First Vice President, SEIU Local 1877

Martha Campos
Immigrant Rights Advocate

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November 2006

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From: P. Durieux [actionalert@aclunc.org]
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Sincerely,

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As a long-time San Jose resident and taxpayer, I'm appalled to learn that the PD is keeping this important info from the citizens.

Sincerely,

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San Jose, CA 95123-1311

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I believe firmly that the San Jose Police Department is doing a good job and has nothing to hide. Please justify my belief and support my trust by opening these records to the public.

Sincerely,

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Subject: City hall's new secrets

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City hall's new secrets

EDITORIAL Back in 1999 reporter Scott Rosenberg dug up a juicy little scoop for Salon: he found out that part of Microsoft's annual report was written on an Apple computer. That caused the giant purveyor of Windows software (and Apple competitor) no small amount of embarrassment. And Rosenberg did this without any secret source or leaked records; he just looked at the metadata embedded in the files of public company documents. Metadata is part of the new frontier of public-records law. It's the stuff you can't see that's hidden in digital versions of, say, Microsoft Word documents.

It shows what computer (and type of computer) created the document and often shows the revisions the document has gone through. It's sort of an electronic history of what used to be something typed on paper — and as such, it's extremely useful to researchers who want to follow what the government is doing. It's also, all too often, something that public officials want to hide. That's the case in San Francisco, where Gloria Young, the clerk of the Board of Supervisors, has refused to release copies of the original Word versions of what are clearly public records. She wouldn't, for example, give out a Word copy of the city's Sunshine Ordinance.

That's a mistake — and the Board of Supervisors needs to direct Young to change her policy.

Young isn't refusing to release the records per se — she's had them made into PDFs, the electronic equivalent of photocopies that don't contain the embedded data. And she's released those versions. The office of City Attorney Dennis Herrera concluded Sept. 19 that city officials have the right to withhold metadata and provide documents only in PDF format. The argument, contained in a six-page memo, goes more or less like this:

A Word version of a document can be edited and changed — and thus someone who requests a public record might alter it and then pass it off as a true version.

Besides, metadata might possibly contain privileged information (legal advice from an attorney). It might include early drafts of a document (which are exempt from disclosure but really shouldn't be). And it might give somebody with evil intent the ability to hack into the city's computer system and do a lot of damage.

In the end, deputy city attorney Paul Zarefsky argues, figuring out where there is and isn't metadata and what it might include is a huge job that requires special skills and would be inordinately burdensome for city agencies.

The first argument is just silly. Sure, somebody could take a copy of a city record and alter it — but enterprising scammers have always been able to take real records and turn them into phonies. That's why the city keeps the originals on file and releases only copies.

The rest of Zarefsky's analysis is a bit more complex. But in the end the posture of the city is far too defensive. This is, after all, data that was produced by city employees on the taxpayers' dime. And like just about everything else ... the city produces — with only narrow exceptions — it ought to be released to the public. We don't buy the argument that there are vast stores of deep secrets lurking in the metadata that might somehow damage the city's interests. There may be a few specific cases in which documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and might include confidential advice. But most of the material will simply show who created the document,

how it was edited (and by whom), and how all of that relates to the final product.

Like the Microsoft revelation, some of that might embarrass city hall — but that's not an excuse to keep it secret.

Tom Newton, general counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, noted in a Sept. 22 letter to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force that the "CNPA is aware of no other state or local agency that has adopted this restrictive policy."

Herrera's office, interestingly, isn't arguing that all metadata must be secret — the opinion only says that department employees have the ability to withhold it if they want to. That's where the supervisors need to weigh in.

Young asked the Rules Committee on Nov. 2 for policy direction on the matter. The committee heard testimony and took the matter under advisement.

The chair, Sup. Ross Mirkarimi, should bring up the issue again at the next possible meeting, and the committee should direct Young — and all other city officials — to stop using metadata as an excuse to withhold documents. San Francisco ought to be taking the lead here and setting a policy precedent for cities across the state. SFBG

PS This is just one example of what seems to be a renewed war on sunshine at City Hall. The task force just had its budget cut and no longer has a full-time staffer assigned to it (although the Sunshine Ordinance mandates full-time staff assistance). The supervisors should make it clear that San Francisco isn't going to slide backward into the old, dark days.

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It is very important for the community to have access to these reports. It is important for the community to know what is happening to our family and friends. The SJPD should have nothing to hide from the community. If SJ police officers are using excessive force, the community needs to know and the officers must be held accountable. We, the community, need access to local law enforcement records, please guarantee our access.

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As an attorney who has practiced law in Santa Clara County for 36 years, and as former member of the San Jose Human Relations Commission in the early 80s, I know that the SJPD has consistently been far too secretive as a means of protecting it's own, even if wrong, as opposed to serving the public.

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Jim Sloane, Resident, Sj

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Sloane
1340 Mariposa Ave
San Jose, CA 95126-2623

Nicandro, Patricia

From: James Mantell [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 11:52 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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Douglas Williams
PO Box 10308
San Jose, CA 95157-1308

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From: Nitin Muppalaneni [actionalert@aclunc.org]
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Ross Abinanti
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San Jose, CA 95125-5032

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From: John Heinlein [actionalert@aclunc.org]
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Let's have sunshine reform. San Jose badly needs this new approach.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Woods Mattingley
1005 Minnesota Ave
San Jose, CA 95125-2426

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From: Irena Guerrero [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 7:57 PM
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If you truly stand behind your departments actions, then there should be no reason to hide anything in the files or records of incidents.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Irena Guerrero
907 Vine St
San Jose, CA 95110-3044

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From: Stephen Green [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 7:27 PM
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Mr. John Barch
1327 Rothland Ct
San Jose, CA 95131-2747

Nicandro, Patricia

From: City Clerk
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 3:08 PM
To: Sunshine_Reform_Task_Force
Subject: FW: Support Open Records at SJPD!

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From: Marciel Abinanti [mailto:actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 8:51 AM
To: cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov
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From: Ray Ruderson [actionalert@aclunc.org]
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To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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From: Rachel Baker [raqba_raqbak@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 5:35 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: police secrecy

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Everyone is raving about [the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta](#).

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From: Daryl Ragan [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 4:57 PM
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Sincerely,
Catharine Levin
SAn Jose, CA 95128

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Mrs. Catharine Levin
2443 Walnut Grove Ave
San Jose, CA 95128-1130

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Joel Williams

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From: Sally La Mere [sslamere@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 10:40 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: SJPD rules

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Sincerely,
Sally La Mere

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Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Kochenburg
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San Jose, CA 95112-3950

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Dr. Daniel Ostrov
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San Jose, CA 95126-2104

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Sincerely,

Sheila McGann-Tiedt
460 S. 16th St.
San Jose, CA 95112

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Regards,

Vince Tran
San Jose, CA 95121

Sincerely,

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2663 Lanier Ln
San Jose, CA 95121-2232

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Openness allows for trust.

Please close the loopholes that allow the department to be a secret society.

Sincerely,

K.R. Bartlett
1334 McKendrie St
San Jose, CA 95126-1410

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Sincerely,

Mr. Crisler Moor
4616 Hampton Falls Pl
San Jose, CA 95136-2679

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Matthias Zehner [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 12:56 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD!

Dec 12, 2006

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200 East Santa Clara Street
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Sincerely,

Mr. Matthias Zehner
367 Bay St
San Jose, CA 95123-4303

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From: sriram chelluri [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 8:57 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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Sincerely,

sriram chelluri
1140 Oakbluff Ct
San Jose, CA 95131-2835

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From: Jon Graff [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 10:27 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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It is a major problem in many of the subcultures and communities to trust public officials, especially the police. Therefore I strongly urge the San Jose Police Department to rapidly adapt open and transparent policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jon Graff
2497 Alveswood Cir
San Jose, CA 95131-1846

Nicandro, Patricia

From: William Barrett [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 1:57 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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Public records need to remain PUBLIC.

The ACLU often asks for collections of public records and need to receive them to carry out their public service work.

We are NOT an enemy of the SJPDI, in fact I think very highly of our police force.

Sincerely,

William Barrett
2797 Lena Dr
San Jose, CA 95124-1931

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Gary Mitchell [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 5:31 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD!

Dec 13, 2006

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Secrecy should only be used to protect the privacy of individual citizens or national sensitive information (that is, actual real national secrets). It should NOT ever be used by government officials to hide from public scrutiny.

Sincerely,

Gary Mitchell
1847 Laurinda Dr
San Jose, CA 95124-5614

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Elizabeth Schumann [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 12:03 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPDI

Dec 14, 2006

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Schumann
1111 S Almaden Ave
San Jose, CA 95110-3355

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Andy Black [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 5:33 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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I'm very concerned about this, and sincerely hope you'll adopt a more transparent form of government.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andy Black
4175 Renaissance Dr Apt 4
San Jose, CA 95134-2819

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Mary Jo Stout [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 7:37 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPDI

Dec 16, 2006

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I respectfully urge this task force to propose, ensure rules guaranteeing reasonable public access to SJPD records.

Thank you for your consideration & implementing this guarantee.

Sincerely
Mary Jo Stout
1496 Almaden Rd. Apt. 315
San Jose, CA 95125

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Stout
1496 Almaden Rd Apt 315
San Jose, CA 95125-1287

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Tom Sawyer [tom@liveinbalance.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 4:33 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Open up SJ Police Records

Hello,

I support the reforms drafted by the folks working with the ACLU including incident and use-of-force reports. I think the police is doing a great job and openness can only help maintain respect. Police officers are first of all human, and will make mistakes. If my life were at risk everytime I step into a situation, I would have a good chance to act in error. However, covering up one error leads folks to wonder how many others were also covered up.

I'ts a tough job and not one most of us would take. We owe our officers great respect; the department owes them honesty and openness in records,

Tom Sawyer
1507 Shasta Avenue
San Jose CA 95126

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Michelle Ruscetta [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 5:09 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPDI

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Sincerely,

Ms. Michelle Ruscetta
4436 Belvedere Dr
San Jose, CA 95129-2307

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Pia Chamberlain [piac@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2006 12:07 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: We need a more open San Jose police department

I am writing to urge this task force to push for increased openness on the part of the San Jose Police Department. Public access to incident and use-of-force reports is necessary to ensure that the SJPD is held accountable to the citizens for its policies and the actions of its members. San Francisco and Oakland police departments have the kind of openness we need here in San Jose. Please make this priority, and thank you very much for the work you are doing. We truly appreciate it!

-Pia Chamberlain
1563 Minnesota Ave.
San Jose, CA
95125

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Mayur Kulkarni [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2006 10:43 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD!

Dec 18, 2006

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Mayur Kulkarni
3200 Payne Ave Apt 106
San Jose, CA 95117-3524

Nicandro, Patricia

From: James Carter [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 4:46 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD! Only police harrassment need be hidden from the public who pays your salary.

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Mr. James Carter
4905 Rue Le Mans
San Jose, CA 95136-3330

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From: Edgar Walton [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 12:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Support Open Records at SJPD!

Dec 19, 2006

Sunshine Reform Task Force
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Sunshine Reform Task Force,

Having served on the 2005/2006 Santa Clara Civil Grand Jury, I am aware of the difficulty in obtaining crucial information from the San Jose Police Department. I strongly urge Sunshine Reform Task Force recommend policies that promote openness and transparency in all of San Jose city departments, especially the police department.

Edgar L. Walton Sr.

Sincerely,

Mr. Edgar Walton
6865 Tunbridge Way
San Jose, CA 95120-2145

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Greg Lytle [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 4:50 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Reasonable Public Access to SJPD Records

Dec 19, 2006

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Sincerely,

Greg Lytle
3257 Falerno Way
San Jose, CA 95135-1114

Dec 23, 2006

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Dear Sunshine Reform Task Force,

I am writing to you because I have very serious concerns about the San Jose Police Department's secrecy in regards to incident and use of force reports. I see no benefit to keeping such reports secret; certainly those officers on the force who do their job, and do it well, do not wish to have their names tarnished by a few officers who use unreasonable or excessive force, or engage in police misconduct in general.

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Sincerely,

Nisreen Baroudi
4130 Littleworth Way
San Jose, CA 95135-1120

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Laura Sternberg [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2006 4:05 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD

Dec 25, 2006

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Thanks for listening!

Sincerely,

Laura Sternberg
1596 Puerto Vallarta Dr
San Jose, CA 95120-4854

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Carlos Avitia [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2006 7:41 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Open Police Records to the Public

Dec 28, 2006

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Mr. Carlos Avitia
1411 Strauss Way
San Jose, CA 95132-2337

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Albert Roosma [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2006 3:17 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please support Open Records at SJPDI

Dec 31, 2006

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Mr. Albert Roosma
139 Spyglass Hill Rd
San Jose, CA 95127-1756

January 2007

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Philip Northrup [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 4:20 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: More open Records for SJ Police

Jan 1, 2007

Sunshine Reform Task Force
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Sunshine Reform Task Force,

I very much appreciate the work that the police dept. does, and do not have an issue with the SJPD. I do think, however, that a more open policy re: the SJPD records would be advisable.

Please recommend to the San Jose City Council guarantees of public access to local law enforcement records.

Currently, the San Jose Police Department is too secretive re: its incident and use-of-force reports. The SF & Oakland Police are much more open and SJ should be too.

I urge the Sunshine Reform Task Force to recommend policies that promote openness and transparency in all of our city's departments -- including SJPD.

Sincerely,

Mr. Philip Northrup
393 Rutland Ave
San Jose, CA 95128-2344

Nicandro, Patricia

From: The Evergreen Democratic Club [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 9:52 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Support Open Records at SJPDI

Jan 2, 2007

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Sincerely,

Mr. The Evergreen Democratic Club
5000 Cribari Ln
San Jose, CA 95135-1309

Nicandro, Patricia

From: J Epstein [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 1:24 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: I Support Open Records at SJPD!

Jan 3, 2007

Sunshine Reform Task Force
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

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Sincerely,

J Epstein
350 N 2nd St Apt 339
San Jose, CA 95112-4094

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Price, Lee
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 7:09 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Nicandro, Patricia
Subject: RE: Access to SJPD Incident & Use-of-Force Reports

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Yes....forwarding to Patricia!

-----Original Message-----

From: City Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 10:47 AM
To: Price, Lee
Subject: FW: Access to SJPD Incident & Use-of-Force Reports

Is this for Sunshine?

-RC

-----Original Message-----

From: Faisal Tajdar [mailto:actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2006 5:35 PM
To: cityclerk@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Access to SJPD Incident & Use-of-Force Reports

Dec 25, 2006

San Jose Office of the City Clerk
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

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Sincerely,

Mr. Faisal Tajdar
350 E Taylor St Apt 4202
San Jose, CA 95112-3153

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Myrna Greene [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 5:35 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: I am concerned that records that should be open to public scrutiny are closed. This denial of public access is unacceptable.

Jan 5, 2007

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Sincerely,

Ms. Myrna Greene
5717 Goldfield Dr
San Jose, CA 95123-2028

Nicandro, Patricia

From: David Lemon [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2007 2:10 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: request for "sunshine" at SJPDI

Jan 7, 2007

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Sincerely,

David Lemon
434 S 14th St
San Jose, CA 95112-2215

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Maurice Stevenson [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 9:58 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at San Jose Police Department

Jan 13, 2007

Sunshine Reform Task Force
200 East Santa Clara Street
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TO: Sunshine Reform Task Force

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Sincerely,

Maurice Stevenson

1492 Brookdale Drive
San Jose, CA 95125

Sincerely,

Mr. Maurice Stevenson
1492 Brookdale Dr
San Jose, CA 95125-4421

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Jeffrey Lanza [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 11:49 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Support Open Records at SJPDI!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Yellow

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffrey Lanza
1434 Essex Way
San Jose, CA 95117-3723

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Maria Scianna [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 11:49 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please support Open Records at SJPD!

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

Ms. Maria Scianna
893 Lincoln Ct
San Jose, CA 95125-2634

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Neal Waters [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 11:49 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

Neal Waters
231 E San Fernando St Apt 3
San Jose, CA 95112-3504

Nicandro, Patricia

From: aziza agia [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 12:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Support Open Records at the SJPDI

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

aziza agia
33 S 3rd St
San Jose, CA 95113-2513

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From: Ann Bethune [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 12:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Support Open Records at SJPD!

Jan 18, 2007

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Mrs. Ann Bethune
1555 Montellano Dr
San Jose, CA 95120-4803

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From: patricia Machmiller [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 12:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Open the Records at SJPD!

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

patricia Machmiller
6116 Dunn Ave
San Jose, CA 95123-4825

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From: Lirio Sheridan [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 1:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records

Jan 18, 2007

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Ms. Lirio Sheridan
631 Hermitage St
San Jose, CA 95134-1308

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From: David Donovan [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 1:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at San Jose PD

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Mr. David Donovan
732 Jasper St
San Jose, CA 95116-3376

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Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 1:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Support Open Records at SJPDI

Jan 18, 2007

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Mr. Peter Kemmer
523 Broderick Dr
San Jose, CA 95111-1804

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Daniel Mccall [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 2:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD!!!

Jan 18, 2007

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Mr. Daniel Mccall
3547 Laurant Way
San Jose, CA 95132-1314

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From: C. Jayne Armstrong [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 2:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD...

Jan 18, 2007

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Mrs. C. Jayne Armstrong
3173 Payne Ave Apt 4
San Jose, CA 95117-3508

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Valerie Kirby [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 3:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: public access

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

Valerie Kirby
1119 Chapman St
San Jose, CA 95126-1104

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Cameron Lim [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 3:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please support open records

Jan 18, 2007

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Sincerely,

Cameron Lim
1543 Burrell Ct
San Jose, CA 95126-1607

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Chris OMeara Dietrich [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: SJPD Needs Open Records

Jan 18, 2007

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Ms. Chris OMeara Dietrich
2827 Broken Oak Ct
San Jose, CA 95148-2202

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Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: SUNSHINE REFORM NOW FOR SJPDI PLEASE?

Jan 18, 2007

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Nicandro, Patricia

From: Dee Howard [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Public Records Act vs. Open Records At SJPD

Jan 18, 2007

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San Jose, CA 95123-5366

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From: Thomas Shefchik [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Government

Jan 18, 2007

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Government must be accountable to the citizens. Please open the records.

Sincerely,

Thomas Shefchik
1215 Permata Ct
San Jose, CA 95116-1086

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Kelly Harrison [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: We, the People, deserve open records at SJPDI

Jan 18, 2007

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Dear Sunshine Reform Task Force,

California has always been a leader in open government. We've passed legislation like the Browne Act and the Bagley-Keene act, both of which specify rules for open meetings at the local and state levels.

As a tax payer, I expect my government to respond to us, to "We the People."

Please make sure the San Jose Police Department follows the law. We have a right to the information they obtain.

Sincerely,

Kelly Harrison
1167 Washoe Dr
San Jose, CA 95120-5542

Nicandro, Patricia

From: CJ Brasiel [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:49 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support Open Records at SJPD!

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1985 Coastland Ave
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From: Charles McIntosh [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 5:19 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Give Public Access to Police Records

Jan 18, 2007

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San Jose, CA 95124-5865

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Sincerely,

Mr. Nick B Chavez
PO Box 641342
San Jose, CA 95164-1342

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From: Joshua Cox [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 6:50 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please make Open Records at SJPD!

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790 Saratoga Ave
R 102
San Jose, CA 95129-2471

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From: Ted Huynh [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:20 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Support SJPD

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Mr. Ted Huynh
2555 Alum Rock Ave Apt 308
San Jose, CA 95116-2689

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Abdul Diwan [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 10:50 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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PO Box 611581
San Jose, CA 95161-1581

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To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please Open Records at SJPDI

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Thomas Babb
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San Jose, CA 95117-3520

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From: Kevin Taylor [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 10:50 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Re:Openness of incident and use-of-force reports

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4691 Albany Cir Apt 109
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Sincerely,

nath wilfson
15 Hawthorne Way # 05
San Jose, CA 95110-2247

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Alissa Shaw
1090 Obrien Ct
San Jose, CA 95126-1045

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From: Olga Ortmann [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 12:20 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please support Open Records at SJPDI

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Ms. Olga Ortmann
260 Palm Valley Blvd Apt 205
San Jose, CA 95123-1042

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From: Vicki Cyr [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 2:20 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Fair is Fair --- Support Open Records at SJPD!

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Ms. Vicki Cyr
128 Ash Grove Ct
San Jose, CA 95123-2103

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Alan Edel
PO Box 818
San Jose, CA 95106-0818

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From: Deborah Dixon [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 10:51 AM
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Subject: Open Records at SJPD

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Deborah Dixon
205 El Bosque Dr
San Jose, CA 95134-1611

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From: Roseann Berthron-Arechiga [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 10:51 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Demand Open Records at SJPD!

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721 Minnesota Ave
San Jose, CA 95125-1715

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From: william lawrence [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 11:21 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: I have been victimized by S.J. police precedures

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Mr. william lawrence
610 E Hedding St # 217
San Jose, CA 95112-1504

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Pedro Abrajan [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 12:21 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Open records

Jan 19, 2007

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Mr. Pedro Abrajan
5572 Judith St Apt 2
San Jose, CA 95123-1917

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From: sophia ConzImd [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 12:51 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: San Jose Office of the City Clerk -Support Open Records at SJPD!

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Ms. sophia ConzImd
4389 mt st helena dr
san jose, CA 95134

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From: Pete Faldetta [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 8:47 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: The Records need to be available at SJPD!

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Mr. Pete Faldetta
405 Mill Pond Dr
San Jose, CA 95125-1430

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From: Brian Evans [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 1:19 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Accountability of the SJPD

Jan 20, 2007

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Mr. Brian Evans
6105 Prospect Rd
San Jose, CA 95129-4739

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From: Amir Farrahi [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 12:21 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please support Open Records at SJPDI

Jan 20, 2007

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Sincerely,

Dr. Amir Farrahi
1257 Charise Ct
San Jose, CA 95120-4272

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From: Christine Marie Flora [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 9:58 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: I Support Open Records at SJPDI

Jan 22, 2007

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Ms. Christine Marie Flora
PO Box 759
San Jose, CA 95106-0759

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From: Jane Macdonald [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 11:58 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: A more transparent SJPD

Jan 22, 2007

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San Jose, CA 95113

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Ms. Jane Macdonald
1305 Shasta Ave
San Jose, CA 95126-2639

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From: Lauren Fields-White [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 11:58 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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Miss Lauren Fields-White
1555 Princeton Dr
San Jose, CA 95118-3360

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From: Bretta Hembree [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 9:01 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: I Support Open Records at SJPD!

Jan 23, 2007

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Ms. Bretta Hembree
3917 Taubeh Ct
San Jose, CA 95136-2068

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From: Doug Silver [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 11:38 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Please support a policy of openness and accountability

Jan 24, 2007

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A policy that strives for openness ensures accountability, while secrecy can breed an atmosphere of distrust and fear.

Sincerely,

Doug Silver
3667 Manda Dr
San Jose, CA 95124-3154

Nicandro, Patricia

From: Uwe Heine [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 10:18 AM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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1012 Camino Ricardo
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From: peter keyes [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 2:24 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: sunshine

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Mr. peter keyes
2415 T St Apt 8
Sacramento, CA 95816-7235

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From: vinu arumugham [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 9:28 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
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Mr. vinu arumugham
1860 Bexley Lndg
San Jose, CA 95132-1470

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From: Natalie Rajic [actionalert@aclunc.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2007 6:00 PM
To: sunshine_reform_task_force@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: There's so much corruption...i never imagined it would effect someone like me.

Jan 25, 2007

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Natalie Rajic
231 Villa Ter Apt 7
San Mateo, CA 94401-2287

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Name (print): *Josh Gomez*
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Street address: *1830 N. Capitol Ave.*
City / State / Zip: *San Jose 95132*

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Name (print): *Alex Gray*
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Street address: *355 Bellerose Dr. #4*
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Name (print): *ShuJinh Nguyen*
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Street address: *3028 Luedke Pl*
City / State / Zip: *San Jose, CA 95111*

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Name (print): *Sharon Fung (Hiu-Yan)*
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Street address: *340 Autumn Way #10 San Jose, CA 95129*
City / State / Zip:

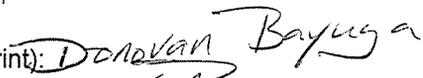
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Name (print): Donovan Bayuga
Signature: 
Street address: 30 E. Julian St. #104
City / State / Zip: SJ CA 95112

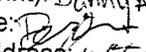
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Name (print): Danny Ahn
Signature: 
Street address: 10554 Orange Tree Lane
City / State / Zip: Cupertino CA, 95014

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Name (print):

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Signature:

Street address:

8714 Skyway Ave

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Andrea Ramirez

Signature:

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Street address:

3267 Sycamore Lane

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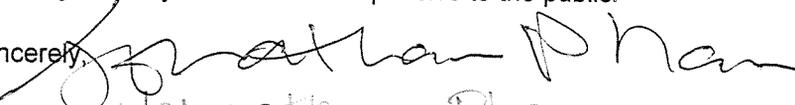
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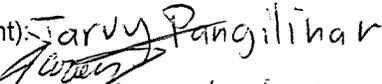
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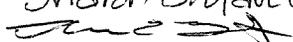
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City of San Jose
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Dear Mayor Reed, San Jose City Councilmembers, and
Members of the Sunshine Reform Task Force:

On behalf of SIREN, the leading immigrant rights group in San Jose, I would like to offer our perspective on the issue of open public records regarding the San Jose Police Department. There are a number of important issues for the various immigrant communities which I would hope would warrant your attention on this subject.

SIREN endorses the call for greater openness and access to San Jose Police Department Records. We believe that, with limited exceptions, SJPD records and reports should be available for public review. We support the specific proposals in the draft sunshine ordinance put forward by the San Jose Mercury News and the League of Women Voters.

The success of community policing policies, in my opinion, is based in trust. Thus the need to pass Councilmember Liccardo's resolution creating a larger, more visible barrier between San Jose Police and ICE. This type of action obviously creates more trust.

So a woman seeking help in a domestic violence situation will be much more likely to seek assistance from the police if there is a strong, trusting relationship with immigrants and the police. A woman's life could depend on it.

In order for this relationship to be a strong relationship, SIREN believes it is also necessary for the police activities to be as transparent as possible. Rumors are always rife in tense times and providing transparency in police records serves to diffuse rumors and again, support the faith in the police department.

It is a new day in San Jose with transparency and public trust key phrases in government. SIREN shares those community values. We would like to see all community members trust the police and feel the need for the government to act as the ultimate role model in showing the city the way to this goal.

Working collaboratively with the Task Force and community groups will go a long way to shining a needed light on the new at City Hall.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Yours in Community Spirit,

Gloria Nieto
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