



Memorandum

**To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL**

From: Vice Mayor Chappie Jones

Subject: SEE BELOW

Date: March 4, 2019

Approved:

**SUBJECT: AMEND THE INITIAL PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY SUBMISSION TO THE
PRIORITIZATION PROCESS**

RECOMMENDATION

Replace fee on new development of public safety priority to direct staff to identify an ongoing funding source to be allocated for San José Fire resources. San José Fire has increasing pressure to limited resources with higher density and population growth. To allow our City to grow safely it is important that we properly equip our fire department with the resources it needs to meet adequate response times.

BACKGROUND

To identify the best source of funding for fire safety, city staff should evaluate the best possible options and report back to council. An ongoing new funding source will allow San Jose Fire Department to proportionately increase their resources with an increase in service demand. In addition to structure fire response, San Jose residents depend on SJFD for emergencies related to wildland fires, natural disasters, medical, hazmat, traffic collisions and more. Currently the state of the SJFD is in dire need of extra resources. With the lack of funding for on-going training, new equipment, basic station maintenance and staffing, current personnel are hard-put to maintain standard levels of professional service.



Council Policy Prioritization: Policy Nomination Form

Council Member _____

District _____ Date _____

Council Member Lead Staff _____

Lead Staff Ext. _____

Policy Subject _____

CSA Area _____

Policy Problem Statement

Policy Proposal

Additional Information (Background)

Expected Outcome (Expected impact policy change will have on city services, San Jose residents, businesses, etc.)

Budget Implications (if known)

City funding required _____

Fund(s) Impacted (e.g. General Fund, C&C Tax Fund, etc.) _____

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