



# Memorandum

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Lan Diep

**SUBJECT:** RFP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
SERVICES FOR THE BERRYESSA/  
NORTH SAN JOSÉ BART STATION

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## RECOMMENDATION

Accept recommendations from the Mayor and Chief Garcia along with additional direction to study the feasibility of staffing SJPD officers or CSOs at the Berryessa Transit Center security office so that residents may go directly there to report certain crimes in person.

## BACKGROUND

The Berryessa/North San José BART station is anticipated to open by the end of this year. The BART Police will patrol the area of the station inside the ticketed area. VTA owns and will contract out security services for the area immediately around the station, such as parking lots. Our San José Police Department will continue to patrol and maintain public safety in the areas surrounding the VTA-owned transit center.

As an end-of-line station, it is anticipated that there will be a spike in crime once the trains begin operating, to the detriment of surrounding Berryessa neighborhoods.

## ARGUMENT

Our SJPD stands ready to address the likely increase in crime that will come once the Berryessa/North San José station finally opens. Their jobs should be made easier by having jurisdiction to provide security and law enforcement for the public areas of the Berryessa/North San José Transit Center as well. This will make it more efficient to investigate crimes impacting Berryessa residents, hopefully leading to quicker resolutions.

Residents' frustration will no doubt rise because of the spike in crimes and – should SJPD win the contract from VTA and if we have the resources – we should strive to provide residents the opportunity to report certain crimes in person by staffing an SJPD officer or CSO at the security office located at the transit center.

## CONCLUSION

The City should respond to VTA's RFP and should study the possibility of using the security office at the Berryessa Transit Center as a place where residents can interact with law enforcement officers in person.

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