



Memorandum

TO:RULES & OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM:Councilmember Arjun Batra

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE:September 26, 2024

Approved

Arjun Dev Batra

SUBJECT: PUBLISHING PUBLIC SAFETY DATA BY COUNCIL DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATIONS

Direct the City Manager to:

1. At the October PSFSS Council subcommittee meeting, present a plan and timeline for the monthly publishing of crime statistics by City Council district.
 - a. These statistics could include but not be limited to the same statistics currently published on the San Jose Police Department's website.
 - b. Modify the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support (PSFSS) work plan for the period of August through December 2024 to incorporate this recommendation.

BACKGROUND

At the September 19, 2024, PSFSS meeting, acting Police Chief Joseph reiterated that SJPD's recently procured technology allows it to disaggregate crime statistics by Council District.

At several other meetings, PSFSS members have shown interest in accessing detailed crime data to better support and improve the safety and well-being of their residents. Likewise, various businesses and neighborhood associations have requested this data to help them understand how to assist their respective communities effectively.

Presently, the San Jose Police Department website provides crime data in several formats:

1. Citywide annual and monthly crime statistics
2. A crime mapping tool for site-specific data

However, no published dashboard breaks down our City Council district's crime statistics. The city should develop a formal plan to create and publish crime data specific to each Council District to address this gap. This new approach would provide more localized and detailed crime information, potentially benefiting both city officials and residents by offering a clearer picture of crime trends in different areas of San Jose.

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Crime Statistics - Monthly

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FBI UCR: NIBRS REPORTED¹

TIME PERIOD: JAN - DEC 2024

GROUP "A" OFFENSES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	GRAND TOTAL
Murder	3	5	2	1	3	1							15
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Rape	31	23	44	32	40	34							204
Aggravated Assault	254	268	305	312	332	323							1794
Simple Assault	723	663	758	670	784	740							4338
Intimidation	136	181	144	128	172	127							890
Human Trafficking	4	2	3	0	3	1							13
Kidnapping/Abduction	35	21	29	21	18	23							147
Sex Offenses (All Other)	89	64	92	79	91	79							494
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS TOTAL	1277	1227	1377	1243	1443	1328							7895
Robbery	114	102	102	85	102	111							616
Burglary	312	325	348	315	328	436							2064
Larceny/Theft Offenses	1256	1021	1177	1160	1160	1101							6875
Motor Vehicle Theft	667	561	564	525	571	513							3401
Arson	13	9	7	15	19	17							80
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	20	24	24	21	29	25							143
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	585	532	513	517	453	500							3100

Publishing crime data by Council District will serve several important purposes:

1. Support for Public Safety: This data will highlight the successful efforts of our public safety officers in combatting crime across different neighborhoods, providing tangible evidence of their impact.

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2. **Economic Development:** By breaking down positive crime data trends by neighborhood areas, we'll empower the Office of Economic Development to recruit and retain businesses more effectively.
3. **Increase Public Trust in the Safety of our Neighborhoods and our Police Force:** This approach would ensure that residents and stakeholders across the entire city have access to localized crime statistics rather than relying solely on citywide data or the current crime mapping tool. By publishing a comprehensive dashboard with crime information for all districts, we can offer a more balanced and detailed view of public safety trends throughout San Jose. This approach will recognize the work of our law enforcement and contribute to the economic growth and vitality of our city's various districts.

I urge my colleagues to adopt this memo to help inform our residents and businesses of the great work SJPD is doing to make our communities safer.

The signers of this memorandum have not had, and will not have, any private conversation with any other member of the City Council, or that member's staff, concerning any action discussed in the memorandum, and that each signer's staff members have not had, and have been instructed not to have, any such conversation with any other member of the City Council or that member's staff.