



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE **FROM:** Councilmember Raul Peralez
Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 28, 2019

Approved

Date

3-28-19

SUBJECT: SPECIAL HEARING ON SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON APRIL 15TH, 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS

Add a Special Hearing on Sexual Assaults to be set for April 15th, 2019 at 6pm to the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support (PSFSS) Committee work plan, as a joint meeting with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors' Children, Seniors and Families Committee and direct the City Clerk to ensure it is publicly noticed.

BACKGROUND

As is described in the invitation letter attached, this joint meeting responds to requests from Councilmembers Carrasco and Arenas, along with Supervisor Cindy Chavez for a joint committee meeting on the subject of comprehensively addressing the problem of sexual assaults in our community.

We request that this meeting be added to the PSFSS Committee work plan and publicly noticed in order for the public to be made aware of the meeting for participation. Additionally, by making the public aware of the meeting, it allows member of the PSFSS committee members the ability to participate and deliberate on all agenda items for this meeting.

This meeting is currently and tentatively scheduled as per the recommendation at the location of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, 70 W. Hedding St. San José, CA.

Dear Councilmember Peralez,

As you recall, on October 23, 2018, during the joint Board of Supervisors and City Council meeting, Councilmember Carrasco, Councilmember Arenas and I put forward a letter requesting that Santa Clara County and the City of San Jose work together through the County's Children, Seniors and Families Committee and the City's Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee to comprehensively address the problem of sexual assault in our community. A copy is attached for your convenience.

As Chair of the Children, Seniors and Families Committee, I would like to invite you and all the members of the City's Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee to join me and Supervisor Cortese at the **Special Hearing on Sexual Assault on April 15, 2019 at 5:30 pm in Board Chambers.**

We will also invite key County and City law enforcement partners as well as County Department heads who play a leadership role relative to sexual assault prevention, intervention and service delivery.

Our intent is to learn more about and identify solutions relative to

- The County's multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team;
- Intersectionality of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking;
- Increasing awareness and reporting; and
- Sexual assault prevention.

This hearing is a continuation of the Children, Seniors and Families Committee hearing on issues impacting women and children in Santa Clara County held on January 17, 2017. I look forward to working with you and Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee members. As stated in our joint letter, the time is long overdue for our policies and budgets to reflect meaningful solutions to these problems that overwhelmingly impact women and girls.

Join us as we get one step closer to ensuring that women, girls and children in our communities live lives free of violence and free from fear of violence.

Sincerely,

Cindy Chavez
Supervisor, District Two