



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Bien Doan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 4/04/2023

Approved

Date 4/04/2023

SUBJECT: SPRING INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the memorandum from staff with the following amendment:
 - a. Update the language of the “Promote Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives” position to read (additions in bold):
 - i. *“Advocate for proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with the City’s Vision Zero goals. This work will be prioritized within the City’s areas of disparate fatal and severe traffic injury collisions. Also support initiatives and funding to reduce violence and harm from firearms, **hire more first responders, prosecute crimes which impact our residents, visitors, and businesses, address our mental health needs, and support programs to support our at-risk youth.** This work will be pursued with an equity lens to ensure all residents of San José’s diverse communities have their rights protected.”*

BACKGROUND

We are tasked with reaffirming council positions made by last year’s city council but one of those positions, “Promote Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives,” was focused solely on vehicle collisions as well as only violence from firearms.

As a former San Jose Fire Captain, I understand that our public safety needs in San Jose are much more than just traffic collisions and firearm violence, and our direction to IGR should reflect what our city needs desperately:

- Hiring more police officers and paramedics.
- Developing and improving programs to deter youth from gangs, drugs, and other dangerous activities, such as SJYEA.

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- The ability to prosecute individuals who violate the law, especially those who break firearm laws.
- Building and funding facilities to care for our neighbors with mental health needs.

I propose a slight modification to the language of the council position “Promote Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives,”

From:

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To (additions in bold):

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The signer(s) 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.