



Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE, AND
STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

FROM: Edgardo Garcia

SUBJECT: POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE
BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

DATE: June 11, 2019

Approved

Date

6-12-19

BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2019 the Santa Clara County Children, Seniors, and Families Committee and the City of San José Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support (PSFSS) Committee held a joint meeting on the topics of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking.¹ Various stakeholders, including representatives from government agencies and nonprofits, presented at this meeting on a range of topics, including the County's multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), the intersectionality of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking, and sexual assault prevention. As part of their presentations, participants offered recommendations intended to prevent sexual assaults and to improve County and City services to survivors of sexual assault.

As part of the Committee discussion at the joint meeting, Councilmember Raul Peralez, requested that City staff compile recommendations made as part of the joint meeting and bring them before the PSFSS Committee at one of its future meetings. At the April 18th, 2019 PSFSS Committee meeting, the Administration confirmed that they would bring the list of recommendations before the Committee at its June 2019 meeting.

At the May 9, 2019 meeting of the County's Children, Seniors and Families Committee, Supervisor Cindy Chavez brought forward a list of recommendations from the joint meeting that her office had compiled. She also proposed a set of next steps for the County to pursue the recommendations, including establishing a multidisciplinary work group to create an implementation plan for the joint meeting recommendations. The Committee forwarded Supervisor Chavez's recommended next steps to the Board of Supervisors, which approved them at its May 21, 2019 meeting.²

¹ The joint meeting agenda can be found here:

<http://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=14&ID=10384&Inline=True>

² Supervisor Chavez's memo can be found here:

http://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=SplitView&MeetingID=11032&MediaPosition=9256.861&ID=96700&CssClass=

At the City Council's May 9, 2019 Budget Study Session, members of the Council raised questions about the rising number of reported sexual assaults in San Jose and the reporting of how sexual assault investigations are closed. In a memo for the June 5, 2019 Rules and Open Government Committee meeting, Councilmembers Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza and Foley recommended a number of next steps on the issue.³ The Rules Committee approved their memo.

ANALYSIS

The purpose of this memo is to transmit the list of recommendations, as compiled by Supervisor Chavez's Office, to the PSFSS Committee and to outline the Police Department's intent to address questions that have arisen on this issue as part of the Police Department Operations and Performance Bi-Monthly Status Report. The Recommendations from the April 15, 2019 Joint Meeting on Sexual Assaults are included with this memo as Attachment A. Note that this list includes recommendations from the presenters at the joint meetings, as well as recommendations made by City and County Officials sitting on the dais during the meeting and by members of the public during public comment.

Additional information will be presented on this topic through the presentation on the Bi-Monthly Status Report item. Both San José Police Department staff and a representative from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office will present before the Committee. Presentation topics will include the following:

- The year-to-date Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics.
- An assessment of the most salient countywide recommendations, including an explanation of which ones the Police Department is already implementing, which ones the Department is actively pursuing, which ones the Department believes are worth investigating, and which ones would be best implemented by another agency.
- A description of activities the Police Department is pursuing related to sexual assaults that do not fall under one of the joint meeting recommendations.
- A description of the rise in reported sexual assaults, including comparative data from federal, state, and similar sized communities.
- An explanation of how the Department categorizes the clearance of sexual assault investigations and how that relates to URC clearance definitions.
- An explanation of the rates of reported overall sexual assaults versus the rates of reported sexual assaults against children.
- Next steps on the issue of sexual assaults.

³ The Arenas, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza and Foley memo can be found here:

<https://sanjose.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3968070&GUID=9AE65DC7-C29A-459A-BFFF-C12A0C5A0138&Options=&Search=>

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COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Recommendations from the April 15, 2019 Joint Meeting on Sexual Assaults