

# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Councilmember Lan Diep

**SUBJECT:** FUNDING OFF-DUTY  
OFFICERS TO PATROL SUNCREST & SIERRA

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

Approved



Date 10/22/2020

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve using \$20,000 in District 4 funds to pay for off-duty officers to deter and stop a recent rise in illegal activities up along the Berryessa foothills at Suncrest Avenue and Sierra Road in District 4 over a period of six to nine months.

## **BACKGROUND**

One of the prime spots to watch a sunset in San Jose is in the Berryessa foothills. During this pandemic, amid shelter-in-place orders, more and more people have found their way up along Suncrest Ave. and Sierra Rd., parking illegally to enjoy the view and other illicit activities. They have brought food and drink up that way, littering the hillside. They have played loud music, driven too fast, and endangered residents who live up these streets.

In order to mitigate this problem, my office has been working with SJPD to increase patrols in that area. SJPD suggested that they conduct 2 operations per month in which two off-duty police officers would commit to a 5-hour shift of visiting and monitoring Suncrest Avenue for illegal behavior. In order to fund off-duty officers, we must follow their hourly overtime rate as specified below:

### **Personnel Hourly Overtime Rate:**

Police Sergeant \$130.13

Police Officer \$112.43

Community Service Officer (CSO) \$65.54

### **One two-officer unit:**

2 Officers @ 5 hours per shift = 2 X (5 X \$112.43) = \$1,124.30

Currently this expenditure is not covered under any of the permitted uses outlined in City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement Policy 0-38, and City Council approval is needed. This expenditure is appropriate to be paid from the District 4 Council Office funds because it provides additional public safety to District 4 residents.