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Dear community of San Jose and city govt.,

A new, 311 service line, in San Jose, to ask non-emergency questions - wants to separate, from all previous community questions & needs, being directed, to 911 calls.

This has been in the works, and has appeared, at sj council meetings, a few times, in the past few years.

This has been years, of good study and practices, for a community, to better understand, what can be, new roles, of police officers, and that, of mental health workers, and other city services.

As police officers, will hopefully be going through, a new series, of better mental health counseling, and peer review practices, in the next few years.

A good luck, to all of us, in how to continue to better talk about, and work towards a future, of community, mental health services, human services needs.

And the efforts, to move away, from the prison/military industrial complex.

Of course, a helpful reminder, that open public policy ideas, are simply good ideas, of peace, civil rights, civil protections, good community democratic practices.

And an important part, in the questions of equity, equality, reimagine, to work towards positive community sustainability. And the ideas, of less imprisonment and war.

sincerely,  
blair beekman

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