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Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Jennifer Maguire

SUBJECT: CITY OF SAN JOSE AND COUNTY
OF SANTA CLARA JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: March 24, 2021

Approved

Date

03/26/21

RECOMMENDATION

Set a Joint Meeting between the City of San José Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee (PSFSS)/Committee of the Whole and the Santa Clara County Children Seniors, and Families Committee on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2019, the City of San José and the County of Santa Clara held a joint committee meeting on the topics of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking. This joint meeting was held between San José's PSFSS Committee, the San José City Council Committee of the Whole, and the Santa Clara County Children, Seniors and Families Committee. (The Committee of the Whole was included so that San José City Councilmembers who do not sit on the PSFSS Committee would be able to attend the meeting.) At this meeting, the Committee requested that City and County staff work collaboratively to bring forward a follow-up joint meeting to review progress on the topics discussed. This memorandum sets the follow-up joint committee meeting as requested in April 2019.

On November 12, 2019, the San José City Council held a special meeting on the City's Sexual Assault Response and Strategy. At this meeting, the San José Police Department recommended, and the City Council accepted, a Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Workplan, comprised of work items intended to support the ongoing improvement of the San José Police Department's approach to sexual assault and domestic violence.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this new joint meeting is to share progress on issues discussed at the April 2019 joint committee meeting. The County of Santa Clara is organizing and hosting this meeting. The City of San José's PSFSS Committee and Committee of the Whole have been invited to join the meeting, and San José Police Department staff have been invited to present on the status of the Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Workplan. As with the April 2019 meeting, agendaizing this meeting for the Committee of the Whole allows Councilmembers who do not sit on the PSFSS Committee to attend the joint meeting; however, Councilmembers who do not sit on PSFSS may not participate in a vote by the PSFSS Committee at this meeting.

In addition to the Police Department's presentation, presentations are also expected from the County of Santa Clara on topics related to gender-based violence, sexual assault and child sexual abuse. The County is in the process of developing a draft agenda for this meeting. Once an agenda has been provided, the Administration will bring it forward for review and approval by the Rules and Open Government Committee.



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