

**From:** [Mayor and Council](#)  
**To:** [Mayor and Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Clerk](#); [Manager](#); [Nadine Nader](#); [Pat Nikolai](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Police Chief as Elected  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023 11:44:42 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Our office received the following correspondence regarding Agenda Item 1.B Presentation on Timelines and Administrative Requirements For Placement of Ballot Measures on the March and/or November 2024 Ballot Including Consideration of Amendments to the City Charter to Change the Police Chief and/or City Clerk from Elected to Appointed Positions and Consideration of an Action to Approve a Work Plan for Same, Including Possible Formation of a Charter Review Committee.

Please note this correspondence will form part of the public record for the May 6, 2023, Council and Authorities Concurrent and Stadium Authority meeting.

Thank You,  
Melissa Lee | Executive Assistant  
Mayor & Council Offices  
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**From:** Adelle Button-Bell <adellebb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2023 11:30 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>  
**Cc:** Lisa Gillmor <LGillmor@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Anthony Becker <ABecker@SantaClaraCA.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep Police Chief as Elected

Hello Mayor Lisa Gillmore, Council Member Anthony Becker from my District 6, and all other Council Members:

I have been notified by the Santa Clara City Police Officers Association that the city wide election of our police chief is being considered to be banned. The Chief would be appointed by the City Council. I am TOTALLY for the public election of our Police Chief.

When the new Mayor of Oakland, Sheng Thao, fired the Police Chief, I thought to myself how LUCKY we are in Santa Clara. The police chief is elected by the residents of the city of Santa Clara; not appointed by the mayor or city council. Oakland is a very good example of how often they fire perfectly good police chiefs, hire new ones, and no time for the new police chief to work long enough to affect change and improvements in the Oakland Police Department.

I realize, Santa Clara does not have the crime challenges that Oakland does. Possibly, because our current system of acquiring a police chief is WORKING for our community. Do not screw it up.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the council meeting tomorrow, June 6, 2023 at 7 pm. I

have family to care for.

Kind Regards,  
Adelle Button-Bell  
2472 Scanlan Place  
Santa Clara, CA 95050-5539

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**From:** Jerie Campi <jeriecampi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2023 9:25 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <MAYORANDCOUNCIL@SantaClaraCA.gov>  
**Subject:** Police Chief

Hello Mayor and City Council,  
I believe strongly that our Police Chief should remain an elected position. Please do not move forward to turn this into a politically appointed position.  
thank you for your time,  
Jerie Campi  
517 Bancroft St  
Santa Clara