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Item #3



**City Council Meeting**

**Item #3 - FY 2020/21 Budget Rebalancing Actions to Address COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts**

**February 23, 2021**

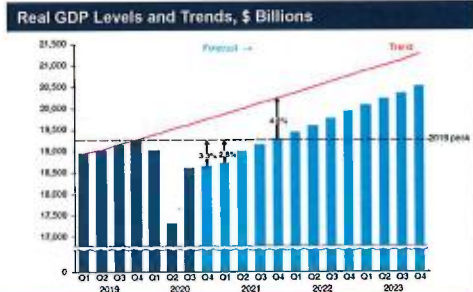
## Agenda

- Phase 1 - Rebalancing FY 2020/21
- Phase 2 - Budget Balancing for FY 2021/22 and Ongoing Forecast
- Next Steps and Recommendations

# Budget Balancing Overview

## Phase 1 – Rebalancing FY 2020/21

- COVID-19 impacts budgets nationally and regionally
- Council strategically built General Fund reserves over last several years
- Responded to community with food programs, rate assistance, community donations and partnerships
- Waited for data and information before rebalancing the budget
- Despite potential for stimulus funding and unknown timing, we need to rebalance this year's budget



# Budget Balancing Overview

## Phase 2 – A Strategic Approach to Budget Balancing

- Revenue impacts are long-term despite vaccine rollout and recovery
- Balanced approach combining new revenues, expenditure reductions and use of reserves
- Core essential City services will remain high
- Collaboration with all City departments with equity and service preservation in focus



## Phase 1 – Rebalancing FY 2020/21

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## Phase 1 - FY 2020/21 Revenue Update

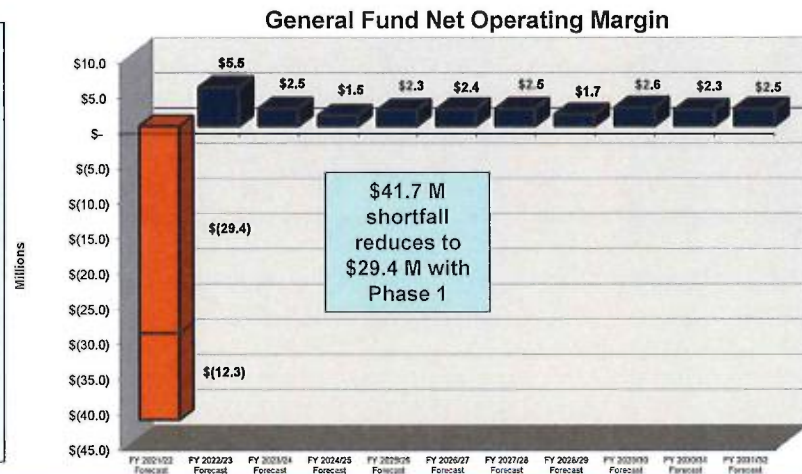
- Revenues tracking **\$20 M - \$25 M** below budget
- Downward adjustments of **\$17.3 M** recommended (detailed on adjustment slide)
- Remaining revenue shortfalls with expenditure savings to the extent possible

## Phase 1 - FY 2020/21 Revenue Adjustments

Category	FY 2020/21	Description
Transient Occupancy Tax	(\$14.0 M)	Reduces estimate from \$17.6 M to \$3.6 M based on actual TOT receipts. TOT down 88% through December. The Ten-Year Forecast factored in the ongoing projected impacts.
Charges for Services	(\$2.2 M)	Reduces estimate from \$45.7 M to \$43.5 M; recreation classes and programming down \$2.1 M, Stadium reimb. for Deputy CM down \$0.3 M, increase in reimb. for clean-up support (\$0.3 M)
Interest Earnings	(\$1.1 M)	Reduces estimate from \$5.5 M to \$4.4 M based on lower interest rates and cash balances. The Ten-Year Forecast factored in the lower receipts.
Fines and Penalties	(\$0.2 M)	Reduced estimate from \$1.5 M to \$1.3 M for collection charges, traffic/vehicle code fines, and library fines
Transfer from Other Funds	\$0.2 M	Transfer from the Streets Capital Fund for the Public Right-of-Way Landscaping Improvement Project
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>(\$17.3 M)</b>	

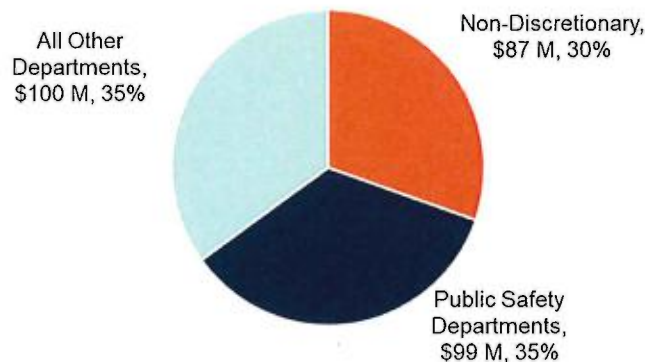
## Phase 1 Helps to Address Almost 30% of Forecasted Deficit

- We experienced a deep recession and assumes we recover upon roll out of the vaccine
- Does not assume budget reductions expected to be brought forward in FY 2020/21
- With potential FY 2020/21 reductions, \$29.4 M ongoing deficit to solve



## Non-Discretionary Expenses Limits Options

FY 2020/21 General Fund Budget  
(\$286 million)

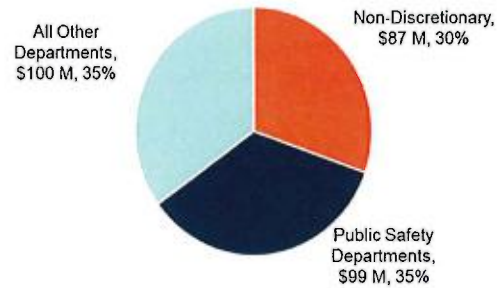


## Non-Discretionary is 30% of the General Fund Budget

### Non-Discretionary = \$87 M

- Retirement unfunded liability
- Council Appointees / Elected Officials
- Revenue backed
- Mandated
- Insurance
- Debt payments

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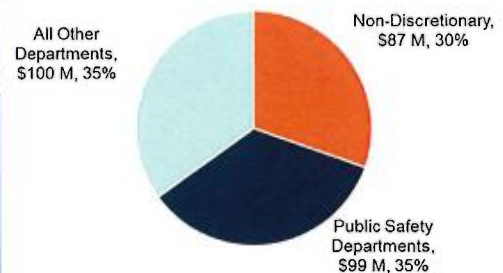


## Public Safety is Half of the Discretionary Budget

### Public Safety = \$99 M

- Fire Department \$41 M
- Police Department \$58 M
- Police increase in December 2020 cost \$1.7 M
- Among smallest % reduction in Phase 1
- Best case labor scenario = \$5 M Ongoing
- Needs to be considered for Budget Balancing

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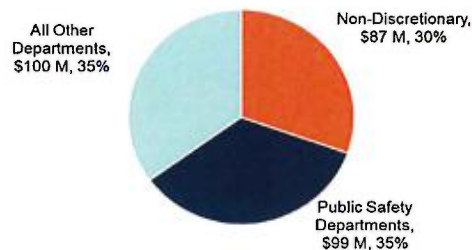
## All Other Departments are One-Third of the Budget

### Other Departments = \$100 M

- Mayor and Council \$107k
- City Attorney \$1.3 M
- City Clerk \$1.1M
- City Manager \$2.6 M
- Community Development \$2.9 M
- Finance \$3.2 M
- Human Resources \$2.7 M
- Information Technology \$9.4 M
- Library \$9.7 M
- Parks \$15.5 M

- Public Works / Fleet \$19.1 M
- Capital/One-Time \$19.9 M
- Non-Departmental \$12.5 M

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## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

Department	FY 2020/21 Discretionary	% of Disc Budget	FY 2020/21 Reductions	Ongoing Reductions	% of Discretionary
Fire	\$41.1 M	22.9%	(\$1.7 M)	(\$2.4 M)	(5.8%)
Police	\$58.0 M	32.4%	(\$3.1 M)	(\$3.4 M)	(5.9%)
Community Development	\$2.9 M	1.6%	(\$0.5 M)	(\$0.3 M)	(10.3%)
Library	\$9.7 M	5.4%	(\$0.6 M)	(\$0.2 M)	(2.1%)
Parks and Recreation	\$15.5 M	8.6%	(\$5.3 M)	(\$1.6 M)	(10.3%)
Public Works	\$19.1 M	10.7%	(\$1.5 M)	(\$0.8 M)	(4.2%)
City Manager's Office & Strategic Support	\$30.7 M	17.2%	(\$4.2 M)	(\$3.4 M)	(11.1%)
Council and Appointees	\$2.2 M	1.2%	(\$0.4 M)	(\$0.2 M)	(7.7%)
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$179.2 M</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(\$17.3 M)</b>	<b>(\$12.3 M)</b>	<b>(6.9%)</b>

## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Position Impact – Protects Employees

Net reduction of  
43.5 positions  
saving \$7.7 million  
ongoing

No Layoffs

4 employees  
reallocated to  
different functions  
or departments

Department	Budgeted Positions	Net Position Change	% Change
City Attorney's Office	8.00	(1.00)	(13%)
City Clerk's Office	7.00	(1.00)	(14%)
City Manager's Office/Non- Dept.	24.00	(4.00)	(17%)
Community Development	68.75	(1.75)	(3%)
Finance/City Auditor's Office	72.75	(1.00)	(1%)
Fire	168.25	(12.75)	(8%)
Parks and Recreation	82.75	(4.00)	(5%)
Police	239.00	(15.00)	(6%)
Public Works	131.50	(3.00)	(2%)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(43.50)</b>	

## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

- COVID-19 reduced/limited activities (\$5.2 million)
- Eliminate vacancies (some services have already been absorbed) (\$7.7 million)
  - 43.5 net position reduction
- Reduce budget for Boards & Commissions
- One-time savings from COVID-19/cost control measures
  - Hiring freeze (reflects some further service impacts)
  - Limited overtime (OT MUST BE PRE-APPROVED AND DEEMED FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES)
  - Restricted conference, travel and training (NO DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL/TRAINING)
  - Lower supplies, materials and maintenance
  - Reduced contractual services and request discounts when contracts are up for renewal



## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

### Fire Department

- Alternate paramedic response with Trucks/Engines instead of supplemental ambulances
- Reduce minimum staffing overtime through flexible deployment minimizing response time impacts citywide

### Police Department

- Reduce Administrative Services personnel in Training, Professional Standards, Records, and Task Force Unit
- Reduce Field Training Officer Program/Community Service Officers
- Suspend Special Operations Drone Program

## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

### Parks and Recreation Department

- Restructure citywide special event programming and returns events to levels previously experienced
- Reduce Parks Division grounds maintenance resources at parks
- Consolidate Recreation Teen Center administrative staffing
- Remove Healthier Kids Foundation and Latchkey Programs per Council action

### Library Department

- Eliminate funding for the unsustainable pay-per-use digital collection (to be implemented once the libraries reopen)

## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

### Public Works Department

- Reduce fleet operations, vehicle replacement, and implements just in time inventory
- Capital Projects Design Division staffing reduction
- Traffic Division staffing reduction
- Closure of fountains at City Hall and Franklin Square

### Community Development Department

- Reduce Planning Division plan review and administration staffing

## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

### City Manager's Office/Non-Dept.

- Eliminate one Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager
- Eliminate Risk Management Office Specialist
- Eliminate contingency funds for the City Manager's Office and the City Council

### Assistant City Clerk

- Eliminate one Deputy City Clerk position (former Public Records Manager position)

## Phase 1 - Solving the FY 2020/21 Budget Expenditure Adjustments

### Mayor and City Council

- Decrease funding for as-needed staff

### City Attorney's Office

- Eliminate Legal Office Specialist II

### City Auditor's Office

- Assume continued vacancy and related savings for the City Auditor in FY 2020/21
- Relies on Audit Manager to manage current audit workplan during transition to a new City Auditor

## Phase 2 - Budget Balancing for FY 2021/22 and Ongoing Forecast



## Phase 2 – Budget Balancing for FY 2021/22 and Ongoing Forecast

### General Fund Forecast Timeline – COVID – 19 Induced Impact

	January 2020 Forecast	April 2020 Forecast	January 2021 Forecast	February 2021 (With Phase 1)
General Fund Shortfall	(\$13 M)	(\$34 M)	(\$42 M)	(\$30 M)

## Potential New Revenue Sources

### FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 Potential General Fund Sources

- Federal stimulus funding (TBD - one-time)
- Improve municipal fee cost recovery (\$1 M - \$3 M ongoing)

### Future Potential General Fund Revenue Sources

- Utility User Tax (\$4 M - \$6 M)
- Business License Tax (\$1 M - \$3 M)
- Documentary Transfer Tax (\$1.4 M - \$7 M)

### Future Development Projects

- Related Property Lease (\$0.6 M - \$5.3 M annually in first 10 Years) – reflected in Forecast
- Other Developments (\$TBD) – Gateway Crossings, Kylli and other major projects

## Phase 2 – Budget Balancing for FY 2021/22 and Ongoing Forecast

### Phase 1 – February 23rd

- Addresses \$12.3 M of the \$41.7 M shortfall

### Phase 2 – May 1st - FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 Biennial Proposed Budget

- Balance two years with a combination of expenditure reductions, revenues and use of reserves
- Other Budget Balancing Scenarios

## Scenario 1 – A Balanced Approach

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Forecast (Shortfall)/Surplus	(\$41.7 M)	\$5.5 M	\$3.3 M	\$1.6 M	\$2.3 M
Carried Over Deficit – 1x Solutions		(\$17.6 M)	(12.1 M)		
February 2021 Reductions (Phase 1)	\$12.3 M				
May 1 Proposed Budget (Phase 2)	\$11.8 M				
Revenue Solutions	TBD				
Potential Labor Negotiations	TBD				
<b>Remaining Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$17.6 M)</b>	<b>(\$12.1 M)</b>	<b>(\$8.8 M)</b>		
Use of Budget Stabilization Reserve	\$14.0 M				
Land Sale Reserve	\$3.6 M	\$12.1 M			
<b>Remaining Budget (Shortfall)/Surplus</b>	<b>\$0 M</b>	<b>\$0 M</b>	<b>(\$8.8 M)</b>	<b>\$1.6 M</b>	<b>\$2.3 M</b>

## Scenario 2 - No Public Safety Reductions

- Remaining departments would need a **30%** reduction in \$24 M scenario
- With Phase 1, remaining departments would need further **15%** reduction
- Significant service impacts and operational risk

Department	FY 2020/21 Discretionary	Current Phase 1 - Ongoing	No PS \$12 M Target (15% Disc.)	No PS \$24 M Target (30% Disc.)
Fire	\$41.1 M	(\$2.4 M)	\$0.0 M	\$0.0 M
Police	\$58.0 M	(\$3.4 M)	\$0.0 M	\$0.0 M
Community Development	\$2.9 M	(\$0.3 M)	(\$0.4 M)	(0.9 M)
Library	\$9.7 M	(\$0.2 M)	(\$1.5 M)	(\$2.9 M)
Parks and Recreation	\$15.5 M	(\$1.6 M)	(\$2.3 M)	(\$4.6 M)
Public Works	\$19.1 M	(\$0.8 M)	(\$2.9 M)	(\$5.7 M)
City Manager's Office & Strategic Support	\$30.7 M	(\$3.4 M)	(\$4.7 M)	(\$9.4 M)
Council and Appointees	\$2.2 M	(\$0.2 M)	(\$0.2 M)	(\$0.4 M)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179.2 M</b>	<b>(\$12.3 M)</b>	<b>(\$12.0 M)</b>	<b>(\$24.0 M)</b>

## Scenario 3 - Use Reserves Instead of Public Safety

- Draws down reserves by an additional \$13.3 M in the first year
- Significant reductions to BSR, Land Sale Reserve and/or Pension Trust
- Uses Pension Trust set aside to assist with long-term unfunded liability
- Reduces City safety net, funds to better position City in future

Department	Use Reserves for PS - \$12 M Target	Use Reserves for PS - \$24 M Target
Fire	\$0.0 M	\$0.0 M
Police	\$0.0 M	\$0.0 M
Community Development	(\$0.2 M)	(0.4 M)
Library	(\$0.7 M)	(\$1.3 M)
Parks and Recreation	(\$1.0 M)	(\$2.0 M)
Public Works	(\$1.3 M)	(\$2.6 M)
City Manager's Office & Strategic Support	(\$2.1 M)	(\$4.2 M)
Council and Appointees	(\$0.1 M)	(\$0.2 M)
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>(\$6.6 M)</b>	<b>(\$13.3 M)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$12.0 M)</b>	<b>(\$24.0 M)</b>



## Scenario 3a – Use of Additional \$6.6 M Reserves in First Year

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Forecast (Shortfall)/Surplus	(\$41.7 M)	\$5.5 M	\$3.3 M	\$1.6 M	\$2.3 M
Carried Over Deficit – 1x Solutions		(\$24.2 M)	(\$18.7 M)		
February 2021 Reductions (Phase 1)	\$12.3 M				
May 1 Proposed Budget (Phase 2)	\$5.2 M				
Revenue Solutions	TBD				
Potential Labor Negotiations	TBD				
Remaining Shortfall	(\$24.2 M)	(\$18.7 M)	(\$15.4 M)		
Use of Budget Stabilization Reserve	\$14.0 M				
Land Sale Reserve	\$10.2 M	\$9.5 M			
Pension Trust Reserve		\$9.2 M			
Remaining Budget (Shortfall)/Surplus	\$0 M	\$0 M	(\$15.4 M)	\$1.6 M	\$2.3 M

## Scenario 3b – Use of Additional \$13.3 M Reserves in First Year

	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26
Forecast (Shortfall)/Surplus	(\$41.7 M)	\$5.5 M	\$3.3 M	\$1.6 M	\$2.3 M
Carried Over Deficit – 1x Solutions		(\$30.9 M)	(\$25.4 M)		
February 2021 Reductions (Phase 1)	\$6.5 M				
May 1 Proposed Budget (Phase 2)	\$4.3 M				
Revenue Solutions	TBD				
Potential Labor Negotiations	TBD				
Remaining Shortfall	(\$30.9 M)	(\$25.4 M)	(\$22.1 M)		
Use of Budget Stabilization Reserve	\$14.0 M				
Land Sale Reserve	\$16.9 M	\$2.8 M			
Pension Trust Reserve		\$21.6 M			
Capital Projects Reserve		\$1.0 M			
Remaining Budget (Shortfall)/Surplus	\$0 M	\$0 M	(\$22.1 M)	\$1.6 M	\$2.3 M

## Budget Balancing Select General Fund Reserves

Reserve Type	2020/21 Current Balance	COVID Programs	Remaining Reserves Scenario 1 and 2	Remaining Reserves Scenario 3a	Remaining Reserves Scenario 3b
General Fund Budget Stabilization (BSR)	\$57.7 M		\$43.7 M	\$43.7 M	\$43.7 M
General Fund Capital Projects	\$5.4 M		\$5.4 M	\$5.4 M	\$4.4 M
Land Sale Reserve	\$23.7 M	(\$4.0 M)	\$4.0 M	\$0	\$0
Pension Trust (General Fund)	\$21.6 M		\$21.6 M	\$12.4 M	\$0
3rd Year Forecast Ongoing Shortfall			(\$8.8 M)	(\$15.4 M)	(\$22.1 M)

## Phase 2 – Budget Balancing for FY 2021/22 and Ongoing Forecast

- No cuts to Public Safety – Remaining Departments would need to be cut up to 30% with significant service impacts and operational risk
- Use Reserve to Offset Public Safety – Drains key reserves and does not address ongoing shortfall

## Priority Setting Retreat Direction COVID-19 Programs

- Evaluating Small Business Grants
  - Expand eligibility criteria
  - Allows former grantees to reapply
- Loan program would require additional 2-3 staff resources
  - Would need to evaluate of ability to repay
  - Unknown collection rate / slow distribution rate
- ERAP – \$2.8 M allocated, approx. \$1 M distributed



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## Next Steps

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## Next Steps

### FY 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget Calendar

Date	City/Stadium Authority Budget Schedule
February 1-2, 2021	Council Priority Setting Retreat / Adoption of Budget Principles
February 23, 2021	FY 2020/21 Rebalancing – Phase 1
March 2, 2021	Study Session on Stadium Authority Budget
March 16, 2021	Approval of Stadium Authority Budget
TBD	Study Session on Municipal Fee Schedule
April 27, 2021	Public Hearing and Adoption of Proposed Municipal Fee Schedule
April 30, 2021	Release Proposed Biennial Operating Budget and Summary of Capital Improvement Program Changes
May 25, 2021	Study Session to review Biennial Operating Budget and CIP changes
June 8, 2021	Study Session to review Biennial Operating Budget and CIP changes
June 22, 2021	Public Hearing/Adoption of Biennial Operating Budget and CIP changes



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## Recommendations

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## Recommendations

1. Approve the FY 2020/21 budget amendments detailed in Attachment 1 for all Departments and Offices, except the Mayor and Council and the City Auditor's Office and City Attorney's Office appointees, as recommended by the City Manager (five affirmative Council votes required for revenue actions only).
2. Consider and approve the FY 2020/21 budget amendments detailed in Attachment 2 for the Mayor and Council, the City Auditor's Office, and City Attorney's Office appointees.



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**Date:** February 23, 2021

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

**Subject:** Correspondence received regarding item 3. 21-43 on the February 23, 2021 Council and Authorities Concurrent Meeting Agenda

As of February 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. the Mayor and City Council Offices received the attached communications regarding item 3. 21-43 FY 2020/21 Budget Rebalancing Actions to Address COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jm", written over a horizontal line.

Julie Minot  
Executive Assistant to the  
Mayor & City Council

*Documents Related to this Report:*

1) *Communications received*

**POST MEETING MATERIAL**



## Julie Minot

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**From:** Dwight Whipple <dwright@mezzettlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** City of SC Budget Cuts 2/23/21 Council Meeting

Madam Mayor and City Council,

Tonight at city council some big items are up for discussion in regards to the budget that I have some strong concerns about.

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service across the board from all its departments. As a citizen of the city, I do not want to see any of those services cut. In particular, from public safety.

While I understand there is a decrease to the budget revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we still have a significant amount of budget reserves available. We should be tapping into these reserves before we start to cut services. Additionally, the budget is currently balanced with the previous action taken by council, so there is no need to make these decisions at this time.

The cuts proposed to public safety in particular are incredibly steep and unnecessary. The fact that we would "brown out" a fire engine or reduce staffing to police and fire when we have so much money available is absolutely ridiculous.

This will only lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety. Why would we increase response times during a pandemic? You are putting citizens lives at risk by agreeing to these decisions.

The fire and police department are already facing staffing shortages. We should not further that problem by agreeing to these cuts.

I am asking that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, dip into the reserves and weather the storm.

Thank you,  
Dwight Whipple

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Lo <lo.mezz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:27 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** No on Public Safety Cuts

Council Member Becker,

I was relieved when you mentioned a couple of meetings ago to increase police patrols. Our police departments is already spread thin. Please do not go along with these cuts to public safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lauren  
District 6

Julie Minot

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**From:** Katy Kerns <katykerns.rn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:41 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** No cuts to public safety!

Madam Mayor and City Council,

Up for discussion this evening for you all are some important issues - I would like to voice my concerns as a long-time, proud Santa Clara resident. (Also as a nurse enduring this pandemic.)

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service across the board from all its departments. As a citizen of the city, I do not want to see any of those services cut. In particular, from **public safety**.

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The cuts proposed to public safety in particular are very steep and unnecessary - when we have plenty of funds in reserve!

These cuts will only lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety. Why would we increase response times during a pandemic? You are putting citizens lives at risk by agreeing to these decisions.

The fire and police departments are already facing staffing shortages. We should not exacerbate this issue with these cuts!

I am asking that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, dip into the reserves and let's weather the storm. Our citizens deserve to continue receiving appropriate and safe service from our dedicated public safety departments.

Thank you,  
Katy Kerns, RN

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Katy Kerns  
408.829.7631



## Julie Minot

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**From:** Jesse Kerns <jestk22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:47 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council; Public Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Cuts at Council Tonight 2/23

Madam Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

Tonight at city council some big items are up for discussion in regards to the budget that I have some strong concerns about.

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Thank you,

Jesse Kerns (District 6)

## Julie Minot

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**From:** Jill Parks <mompeef@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:47 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Budget cuts

Madam Mayor and City Council,

I am concerned about the budget cuts that are up for discussion at tonight's city council meeting.

I am against cutting the budget in the areas of public safety. I enjoy living in a city where we have good public safety services and don't want to see that go downhill. I am also concerned about jobs being cut. Especially now. I believe response times would be affected and every minute counts in an emergency. Especially during a pandemic.

I know that the budget revenue has suffered due to the pandemic, but I also understand that we still have a comfortable budget of reserves available.

I am very proud of what our city has done to assist those in need during the past year, and I don't want to see crimes rise or the fire and police departments stretched too thin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jill Parks

Sent from my iPad

## Julie Minot

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**From:** Elizabeth Medeiros <medeirosanl@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:51 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Council meeting Tonight 2/23 potential budget cuts

February 23, 2021

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I am asking that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, dip into the reserves and weather the storm.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Medeiros

Sent from my iPhone



## Julie Minot

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**From:** Patrick <patrickaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:54 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Deann Cavagnaro  
**Subject:** Proposed budget cuts

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I understand tonight the City Manager will be proposing cuts to services in particular to our public safety. As a resident who is born and raised here in Santa Clara I chose to pay a premium to purchase a home here to raise my family because of the services it provides. In particular with our public safety. Living in Santa Clara has always meant being in a safe community with fast responses from highly trained, and professional police and firefighters. Cuts to these services in the middle of a pandemic when the city has large reserves and rainy day funds is an assault on what it means to be a Santa Claran. It will make our community less safe, and will be the start to an overall degradation to our community. My wife and I vote for people who believe in this high level of service, and do not recall any members on the council running on a campaign of reducing services. I take tremendous pride in living here, in our council, and the public servants that have always provided such fantastic services. Wether you are new to your position, this community, or been hear all you're life like me I challenge you to show some pride in your city, and stand up to protecting our high standard and say no to unnecessary cuts. Thank your for your consideration.

Sincerely

Patrick and Deann Walsh

408-985-0398  
200 Douglane Ave.

Sent from my iPad

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Frank Walsh <finfluke@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** First Responders Public Safety Cuts

February 23, 2021

Madam Mayor and City Council,

Tonight at city council some big items are up for discussion in regards to the budget that I have some strong concerns about.

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service across the board from all its departments. As a citizen of the city, I do not want to see any of those services cut. In particular, from public safety.

While I understand there is a decrease to the budget revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we still have a significant amount of budget reserves available. We should be tapping into these reserves before we start to cut services. Additionally, the budget is currently balanced with the previous action taken by council, so there is no need to make these decisions at this time.

The cuts proposed to public safety in particular are incredibly steep and unnecessary. The fact that we would "brown out" a fire engine or reduce staffing to police and fire when we have so much money available is absolutely ridiculous.

This will only lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety. Why would we increase response times during a pandemic? You are putting citizens lives at risk by agreeing to these decisions.

The fire and police department are already facing staffing shortages. We should not further that problem by agreeing to these cuts.

I am asking that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, dip into the reserves and weather the storm.

Thank you,  
Frank & Chris Walsh  
474 Fernandez Ct.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Julie Minot

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**From:** Thomas Ellicott <tellicott04@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:12 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** NO to Public Safety Cuts

Madam Mayor and Council Members,

After listening to council members, reading police blotters and reading complaints on the nextdoor site, I find it absolutely ridiculous to even talk about cutting the safety budgets. We need MORE police officers. Their department is already under-staffed. Imagine how many complaints you will get if they have even less officers out patrolling. I know of two armed robberies in my district (6) in the last week alone. Santa Clara has impressive public safety services with great response times. Why make those longer during a pandemic?

Please make choices that will not hurt the safety of our great citizens of Santa Clara.

This is a difficult time for governance. I wish you wisdom.

Thomas  
Lifelong D-6



**From:** Jill Brooks <safetchick@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Budget Cuts

Madam Mayor and City Council Staff:

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen of Santa Clara.

I want to make sure that my voice is heard as a concerned citizen regarding budget cuts to services like the Police and to our Fire and EMS. These services are some of the most vital to the City and I do not wish for these departments (and others) to be affected by any further cuts. As a safety professional for a company based in the bay area, these two departments are literally the biggest health and safety help to our City.

During these odd political times and with a global pandemic being still a major issue, it's important that we have these services to run smoothly and not short staffed. It seems to be cutting off our nose, despite our face to reduce EMS staff and services.

My understanding is that we have a healthy reserve and during times like these, that's what a reserve is for.

Please consider this as you are making your decisions.

Thank you!

Jill Brooks  
Fremont Park Area Resident

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** J. Stephen Boyd <boydjstephen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Santa Clara City Budget

February 23, 2021

Madam Mayor and City Council,

I have strong concerns about some items that are up for discussion in regards to the budget at tonight's city council meeting.

I am asking that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, dip into the reserves that are available for this purpose. The budget is currently balanced with the previous action taken by council, so there is no need to make these decisions at this time.

Public services (Fire department or Police department) are not services that should be reduced. Natural disasters are not planned and we need to have resources at all times and not be understaffed.

Santa Clara is a growing city and public resources need to align to this growth, not be cut down. When a department faces budget cuts resulting in a reduction in public safety personnel, the department and the city's citizens bear the brunt of the impact and not the city leaders who reduced the staff.

As a citizen of the city, I do not want to see any of those services cut. In particular, from public safety. The fire and police department are already facing staffing shortage. We should not further that problem by agreeing to these cuts.

Thank you,

James Boyd (Proud citizen of Santa Clara)

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Amy Leigh Aken <amyaken@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:38 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** DO NOT CUT Public Safety

February 23, 2021

Greetings Mayor and City Council,

I have some strong concerns about the proposed budget cuts on tonight's Council agenda.

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service and as a very long-term resident of this City, I do not want to see any of those services cut. In particular, from public safety.

While I understand there is a decrease to the budget revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we still have a significant amount of budget reserves available. We should be tapping into these reserves before we start to cut services. Additionally, the budget is currently balanced with the previous action taken by council, so there is no need to make these decisions at this time.

The proposed cuts to public safety are incredibly steep and unnecessary. The fact that we would "brown out" a fire engine or reduce staffing to police and fire when we have so much money available is absolutely ridiculous! This will only lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety. Why would we increase response times during a pandemic? You are putting citizens lives at risk by agreeing to these decisions. The fire and police department are already facing staffing shortages. We should not further that problem by agreeing to these cuts.

As a constituent of Santa Clara's D6, I ask that the Council NOT proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. But rather, dip into the reserves and weather the storm.

Yours truly,

Amy L. Aken  
691 Hillsdale Ave.  
Santa Clara, CA 95051  
408-781-4993 c.

## Julie Minot

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**From:** Demetria Machado <demetriamachado7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Unnecessary Budget Reductions to Public Safety

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council,

I'm writing to you as a concerned resident. My family and I have resided in Santa Clara for over 50 years. We are concerned about the proposed amendments to the budget that will be discussed at tonight's City Council meeting.

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service across the board from all its departments. This is a major reason why my husband and I decided to renovate my childhood home, and raise our children, third generation Santa Clarans, here. With that said, I'm fully opposed to any further cuts to public safety.

While I understand there has been a significant reduction to the budget revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we still have a significant amount of budget reserves available. Reserves are suppose to be used for this purpose alone, to help with very rare emergency circumstances, such as a worldwide pandemic! We should be tapping into these reserves before we start to look at cutting any further services, specifically public safety. Additionally, the budget is currently balanced with the previous action taken by council, so there is no need to make these decisions at this time.

The cuts proposed to public safety in particular are incredibly steep. The fact that we would "brown out" a fire engine or reduce staffing to police and fire when we have so much money available is absolutely ridiculous and completely unnecessary! This will be debilitating to not only our residents, but the men and women who sacrifice their lives every day! The city continues to build new residential areas, bringing in more people to live in our beautiful town, and in turn reducing our public safety departments even more when there's a shortage of staff, is completely ludicrous and incomprehensible.

This will only lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety. Why would we increase response times during a pandemic? You are putting our residents and our public safety officers lives at risk by agreeing to these decisions.

The fire and police department are already facing staffing shortages. We should not further that problem by agreeing to these cuts. As a law enforcement wife, you are placing my husband's life at risk all because you want to "squirrel" more money in the reserves. This is disheartening and avaricious.

I am asking that the City Council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, utilize the reserves. The reserves are utilized for this exact purpose! As a taxpayer, this is my money and I want to utilize these reserves to assist us with getting through this pandemic. Do the right thing for your fellow Santa Clarans.

Thank you,



**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Rob Mezzetti <rob@mezzettilaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Dwight Whipple  
**Subject:** City of Santa Clara Council Meeting Agenda Item #3 Feb 23, 2021  
**Attachments:** SKM\_C650i21022314460.pdf

Please provide the attached letter to the Mayor and Council prior to today's Council Meeting.

Thank you,

Robert L. Mezzetti II

Mezzetti Law Firm, Inc.

31 East Julian Street

San Jose, CA 95112

Tel. (408) 279-8400

Fax. (408) 279-8448

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Robert L. Mezzetti, II  
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Santa Clara, CA 95050

February 23, 2021

Via Email:

Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor  
City Councilmembers:  
Kathy Watanabe  
Raj Chahal  
Karen Hardy  
Kevin Park  
Sudhanshu Jain  
Anthony J. Becker  
mayorandcouncil@santaclaraca.gov

Re: Agenda Item #3 – February 23, 2021

Madam Mayor and City Council,

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service across the board from all its departments.

While I understand there is a decrease in revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we have a significant amount of reserves available to cover our temporary shortfall.

Agenda item #3 appears to propose steep and unnecessary budget cuts to public safety. As a citizen of the city, I do not want to see essential services cut. Doing this will only lead to increased crime rates and response times for public safety. Please do not put our citizens at risk during a pandemic.

The police and fire departments are already facing staffing shortages. We should not compound that problem by voting to cut services.

The pandemic that has plagued our community over the last year will soon be a thing of the past and the economy will explode as our citizens venture out to restaurants, bars, gyms, concerts and sporting events. There is no present need to cut essential services.

I respectfully request that the Council not vote to cut services to our public safety departments.

Thank you,



Robert L. Mezzetti, II

Robert L. Mezzetti, Sr.  
3544 Londonderry Drive  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

February 23, 2021

Via Email:

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Re: Agenda Item #3 – February 23, 2021

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While I understand there is a decrease in revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we have a significant amount of reserves available to cover our temporary shortfall.

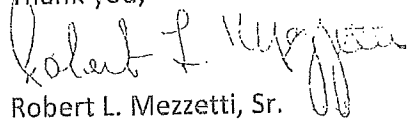
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Thank you,

  
Robert L. Mezzetti, Sr.

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Michele Fagan <michelefagan@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:07 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Tonight's City Council Budget

**Importance:** High

February 23, 2021

Madam Mayor and City Council,

I am very concerned that city council is considering cuts to our public safety personnel at tonight's meeting.

I understand that the budget is currently balanced with the previous action taken by council.

I also understand that there is \$50 million dollars in reserve that could be leveraged instead of cutting our fire dept personnel. A cut which will exacerbate an already thinly stretched department and result in further fatigue and burn-out in our firefighters - dangerous to their safety and potentially to the people they serve.

Our firefighters have been critical to helping us get through this pandemic. But instead of ensuring their safety by increasing the staffing to safe levels, you are considering cuts that will jeopardize their ability to serve, potentially impact their health, and risk my safety and that of my fellow Santa Clara citizens.

Please reconsider your proposed cuts to reducing staffing of our public safety services.

Respectfully,  
Michele Fagan



## Julie Minot

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**From:** Anthony Pascoal <anthony.b.pascoal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:05 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Budget Reduction Proposals - Item 3

Hello Madam Mayor and City Council,

At council tonight are some serious issues including some budget rebalancing proposals that would severely impact services to the City of Santa Clara.

I have lived in Santa Clara since 2009 and my family has been in this city since the early 1900's. Much of my family still lives in the city. I decided to establish my family in Santa Clara largely because of the high level of services provided by the city.

I enjoy clean parks, good roadways, and excellent programs. Most importantly, when I call 911, I expect emergency services to arrive and arrive quickly. This is not the case in other cities. However, Santa Clarans expect the highest possible service from its public servants.

As a city employee, I take great pride in providing that service. Your employees in this city feel the same. We are able to provide that level of service because of the support of Council over the years. I am asking for your support to continue that tradition.

The proposed budget cuts put before you tonight are extremely sharp, and I feel untimely for the position we are currently in. Because of your actions so far and the fiscally responsible pillars we have, we have a balanced budget and we still have a surplus of funds. We are sitting with over 50 million dollars in reserves in our base account. There are other accounts as well. This is more money than other cities had in their reserves before the pandemic. This is a testament to your work.

This savings has allowed us to have a great rainy-day fund. This is that rainy day. Before we make such severe cuts to our services, we need to dip into those funds. There is light at the end of the tunnel with businesses re-opening and vaccines being delivered every day. Additionally, there is the biggest chance now of a stimulus package coming than ever before.

These cuts, if they were to be approved, would mean "browning out" a fire engine company. Closing an engine company with a huge reserve fund does not make sense. Instead, I ask that you tailor the budget cuts across the board to not cut needed services. Closing an engine company would result in extended response times, in particular for larger incidents. I ask that you do not put your citizens at risk.

I ask the following of you tonight and going forward:

1. Do not eliminate any positions from the Fire Department
2. Do not reduce staffing resulting in "browning out" engine companies

Your fire department is already understaffed based on two staffing studies. These cuts greatly affect our available resources in our city. 2020 was already a record year between the pandemic and wildfires. Our resources were needed. We need to be prepared for 2021.

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Jacob Brown <bmarleybrown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Concerned about budget reductions

Hi,  
I'm writing to voice my concerns for the budget reductions that are being discussed at the City Council meeting.

The cuts proposed to public safety in particular are incredibly steep and unnecessary. The fact that we would "brown out" a fire engine or reduce staffing to police and fire when we have so much money available is absolutely ridiculous. This will only lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety.

I am asking that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, we should use the reserves as they were intended and weather the storm.

Thanks,

Jacob Brown  
639 Meadow Ave

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Niloy (Neil) Banerjee <sociotechnocrat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** don't cut the budget for Northside Substation

During the pandemic, North Santa Clara has experienced an increased amount of car break-ins, house break-ins and other criminal activity. Now is not the time to cut public safety, fire or close the Northside Substation.

Regards

**Neil Banerjee**

Tel: 1-(408)-431-5101 (whatsapp, Text) , wechat: neil\_banerjee

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## Julie Minot

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**From:** tina rosado <krtraveler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:26 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Proposed budget cuts

February 23, 2021

Madam Mayor and City Council,

Tonight some big items are up for discussion in regards to the budget which I have strong concerns about.

The City of Santa Clara prides itself on a high level of service across the board from all its departments. As a citizen of this city, I do not want to see any of those services cut. In particular, from public safety. Reducing staffing to police and fire departments is not a decision to be made lightly. Santa Clara residents count on the response times and levels of service we receive from emergency services.

While I understand there is a decrease to the budget revenue due to the pandemic, my understanding is that we still have a significant amount of budget reserves. We should be tapping into these reserves before we start to cut services affecting public safety. Is this not the reason for which we have reserves?

It is my understanding the budget is currently balanced due to previous actions taken by council, so it seems these decisions do not need to be made at this time. Please do not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments.

Thank you,  
Kristina Rosado



**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Marcus Buchanan <marcus\_buchanan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:31 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Northside Substaion

Dear Mayor and council,

During the pandemic, North Santa Clara has experienced an increased amount of car break-ins, house break-ins and other criminal activity. Now is not the time to cut public safety, fire or close the Northside Substation.

-Marcus Buchanan  
Homeowner member, Mission Terrace of Santa Clara HOA

Sent from my iPhone

## Julie Minot

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**From:** Judy Algas <judyalgas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:38 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Budget cuts - 2.23.2021 meeting

Dear Mayor Gilmore,

I hope that you can not take away important fire services and police services and youth services that make this city unique.

I have used these services in the past and am always impressed with the quality and speed of their service and my kids have received the many benefits from maintaining a busy youth center with a receptionist. For the legal clerk reduction costs, is it possible to hire Santa Clara Law University graduates at lower grade positions?. A city such as Santa Clara needs a robust legal department to serve its many needs.

Santa Clara is a great city . Is it possible for the City manager salary or housing benefits to take a temporary reduction in lieu of taking these essential services away. In times of reduction, companies ask everyone across the board to suffer including the highest positions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Santa Clara Resident  
Judy Algas  
3051 McKinley Drive  
Santa Clara, CA  
[judyalgas@gmail.com](mailto:judyalgas@gmail.com)

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Hazel <hen\_alabado@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:40 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Northside Substation

Dear Mayor and Council,

During the pandemic, North Santa Clara has experienced an increased amount of car break-ins, house break-ins and other criminal activity. Now is not the time to cut public safety, fire or close the Northside Substation.

Regards,  
Hazel Alabado

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** John Russell <jj1620@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** City Council Budget Meeting - Feb 23, 2021

Hi,

I'm writing to express my concerns for the budget reductions that are being discussed at the City Council meeting. The cuts proposed to public safety in particular seem incredibly steep and unnecessary. The idea that we would "brown out" a fire engine or reduce staffing to police and fire when we have money available is not a wise decision in my opinion. The consequence of doing so could lead to increased crime rates and increase in response times for public safety. Without these and many other reasons, I respectfully request that the council not proceed with the proposed service cuts to our public safety departments. Instead, I propose we use the reserves as they were intended and weather the storm.

Thanks,

A concerned citizen and resident of Santa Clara



**Julie Minot**

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**From:** budg@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:56 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** North Santa Clara deserves more, not less attention

**Importance:** High

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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City of Santa Clara, during the pandemic, North Santa Clara has experienced an increased amount of car break-ins, house break-ins and other criminal activity. Now is not the time to cut public safety, fire or close the Northside Substation. We pay more than our fair share in taxes, and would expect better treatment, not degraded.

Thank you, --Bud

Bud & Ling Genovese  
Santa Clara, CA  
408-691-6844

**POST MEETING MATERIAL**

## Julie Minot

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**From:** Lori Garmany <lmj030717@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:43 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** We need the northside substation

Mayor and Council,

I've heard rumormongers throughout the community that tonight's City Council meeting will be discussing budget cuts. I understand that the Northside Substation may be on the chopping block. Please do not close this substation. Apparently City Council Members aren't aware or don't care about the issues we've had on the Northside in the last couple of days. There have been 11 car break ins in just one evening! 2 stolen cars and many packages have gone missing.

Cutting the cost or closing the Northside Substation is absolutely the wrong thing to do! It will impact public safety, fire responses and police being able to respond in a timely manner.

Thank the

This is not about funds not being spent correctly, we are in a pandemic and these are unusually times we live in today.

I have a video of somebody driving right up to the community mailboxes breaking in very easily and stealing 24 peoples packages and mail. The police missed The Thiefs by two minutes. The next time I am myself as a citizen will go out there and stop them myself. So Mayor make this happen and don't let them close the substation.

Sincerely ,  
Mario Arenas &  
Lori Garmany

PS here is the link to my Facebook page where I posted these losers

<https://www.facebook.com/lori.voissgarmany/videos/10224458948171968/>

**POST MEETING MATERIAL**

## Julie Minot

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**From:** Romeo Jr. Narciso <narciso1976@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Raj Chahal; Kathy Watanabe  
**Subject:** North side Santa Clara

Dear Mayor Gilmore and City Council Watanabe, We, the residents of the north side are very disappointed to learn that you are planning to close the fire station in our region. Safety concerns in the neighborhood has been increasing since the addition of low cost housing in our area and the construction of the stadium. Our area is probably the most accessible area for all types of strangers and closing down the Northside fire house will impose significant safety risks in our neighborhood when immediate emergency response is needed. Please re-consider your decision. We feel that this area has been neglected for decades compared to other areas in the city of Santa Clara. Thank you Respectfully, Helen Narciso

**POST MEETING MATERIAL**

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Maureen Chu <mkr2x@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:53 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Northside Substation

Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to advocate for preserving funding at the Northside Substation. Over the past few months, crime has noticeably increased in our Rivermark neighborhood. Our car was broken into while parked on our residential street, even though there was nothing of value.

It is essential that the northside has adequate city services including police and fire as our community continues to grow. Now is not the time to cut public safety, fire or close the Northside Substation.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Maureen Reilly Chu

**POST MEETING MATERIAL**

**Julie Minot**

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**From:** Peter Chu <pzchu@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:42 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Northside Substation is Needed

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

During the pandemic, North Santa Clara has experienced an increased amount of car break-ins, house break-ins and other criminal activity. Now is not the time to cut public safety, fire or close the Northside Substation.

My car was one of those broken into and reducing fire and safety will not meet the needs of residents like me living on the northside.

Sincerely,  
-Peter Chu

Sent from my iPhone

**POST MEETING MATERIAL**