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**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT**

Recognition of Outgoing D.A.R.E. Officer Stephanie Knight

**BACKGROUND**

In 1995, the Santa Clara Police Department began teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. Santa Clara’s D.A.R.E. program is now taught at 17 public and private schools.

D.A.R.E. is a drug abuse prevention education program designed to equip elementary school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of drug abuse, and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

**DISCUSSION**

Officer Stephanie Knight has worked in the Santa Clara Police Department - Community Services Unit since August 2013 and has taught the D.A.R.E. program since August 2014. As a D.A.R.E. Officer, Officer Knight was responsible for active shooter training/drills for all schools, kindergarten presentations, career fairs, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) presentations, cyberbullying presentations, and managing the Police Department booth at all major City events. She coordinated the Wilcox High School’s and the Santa Clara High School’s Every 15 Minutes Programs. Over a course of 3 years, Officer Knight taught 57 ten-week 5<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. classes and 8 three-week 7<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. classes.

After five years of working in the Community Services Unit, Officer Knight will be returning to the Patrol Division. In recognition of her dedication to Santa Clara’s D.A.R.E. program and to Santa Clara’s youth, Officer Knight will be presented with a Certificate of Special Mayoral Recognition.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a

governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

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