

**JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SAN JOSE PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT  
COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND THE SANTA CLARA  
COUNTY CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

**Joint Special Meeting on Sexual Assault and Child Sexual Abuse**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021**

*Consistent with the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone/Webinar or online.*

The Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Raul Peralez, Chair; Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Vice Chair; Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, Councilmember Matt Mahan; Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Members.

**ABSENT:** All present.

**CITY STAFF:** Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire; Senior Deputy City Attorney Rosa Tsongtaatarii; Paul Pereira, Mayor's Office; Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**PRESENT (Santa Clara County):** Supervisor Cindy Chavez, Chair; Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Vice Chair.

Chairperson Cindy Chavez and Councilmember Raul Peralez provided opening comments.

- A. Report from the Office of the District Attorney, Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center, San José Police Department and YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley relating to the opening and operation of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and methods to improve services and ensure proper utilization of the CAC.**

James Gibbons-Shapiro, Assistant District Attorney Santa Clara County and Lieutenant Jaime Jimenez, San José Police Department, showed a video and offered a presentation. A presentation was provided on the "Children's Advocacy Center of Santa Clara County, a collaboration dedicated to the Health, Protection and Empowerment of All Youth".

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Adrian Caldera, Interim CEO, YWCA spoke on victim advocacy from community-based organizations. Dr. Marlene Sturm, Medical Director, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, provided insight on the medical clinic at the CAC, and James Gibbons Shapiro continued with future needs of the CAC.

**B. Report from the City of San José Police Department relating to the implementation of the City's Sexual Assault Response & Strategy Work Plan.**

Councilmember Raul Peralez and Lieutenant Jaime Jimenez, and Assistant City Manager Jennifer Maguire provided an introduction. Crime and Intelligence Analyst Angelie Montesa offered a report from the City of San José Police Department relating to implementation of the City's Sexual Assault Response & Strategy Work Plan, and presenters responded to questions. Dr. Maria Herenyiova, Kaiser Permanente, and Lindsay Mansfield, Director of Support Services, YWCA Golden Gate of Silicon Valley, continued with further discussion points and offered support.

**C. Report from the County of Santa Clara Office of Supportive Housing, City of San José Housing Department, Destination: Home and Community Solutions relating to housing options and opportunities available for survivors of gender-based violence and child sexual abuse.**

Chairperson Cindy Chavez provided an introduction of the next series of speakers.

Tiffany Dykema offered a victim's perspective. Jen Loving CEO, Destination: Home and Community Solutions provided a report relating to housing options and opportunities available for survivors of gender-based violence and child sexual abuse.

Aida Zaldivar IPA (Intimate Partner Violence) Program Manager, Community Solutions and Housing Services, gave a presentation on housing challenges. Consuelo Hernandez, Director of the Office of Supportive Housing provided the supportive housing overview. City of San José Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand presented recommendations to create shelters and provide stabilization. A question and answer period followed.

Public Comments: (1) Katherine Campbell spoke on needs of the community. (2) Scott Largent spoke on needs for a women's homeless shelter. (3) Lillian from District 6, urged addressing inclusion of homelessness and vulnerability of seniors. (4) Speaker "A" spoke on being more trauma informed and aware. (5) Erica Wiley YWCA, Golden Gate Silicon Valley spoke to empowerment to end gender-based violence, introduced the "Shifting Boundaries" Program and asked for continued support. (6) Vanessa Torres, YWCA added additional comments urging continued support.

2(a) Motion: Chairperson Cindy Chavez moved approval with the direction indicated as follows regarding opening and operation of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and methods to improve services and ensure proper utilization of the CAC; providing a second, Vice Chairperson Susan Ellenberg noted additional comment and approval.

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- Direction that the Administration report to the Board of Supervisors at the May 2021 Budget Workshop relating to funding options, costs, resources and needs assessment for two contract child interviewers for the Child CAC, including the feasibility of cost-sharing options with the City of San Jose and other cities that will be utilizing the CAC; three deputy district attorneys to address the rise of sexual assault cases and to ensure evening and weekend coverage; one x-ray technician and one clinical laboratory technician to ensure proper utilization of the x-ray machines and prevent moving children to different locations; and, an assessment of medical positions to address the increasing number of medical and forensic examinations at the CAC
- Additionally, that the Administration and the Office of the District Attorney report to the Committee on date uncertain relating to exam protocols for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, or abuse, including information regarding training for all law enforcement; and, to forward the report to the City of San Jose.

2(b) Motion: Chairperson Cindy Chavez moved approval with the direction indicated below regarding of the report from the City of San José Police Department relating to the implementation of the City's Sexual Assault Response & Strategy Work Plan, providing a second, Vice Chairperson Susan Ellenberg noted additional comment and approval, and Councilmember Raul Peralez concurred with receipt of an annual report.

- Chairperson Chavez requested that the City of San Jose Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee report to the Committee and the Public Safety and Justice Committee on an annual basis every April.

2(c) Motion: Chairperson Cindy Chavez moved approval with the direction indicated below regarding housing options and opportunities available for survivors of gender-based violence and child sexual abuse with a second and inclusion by Vice Chairperson Susan Ellenberg that Administration report to the Committee in August 2021 relating to necessary adaptations needed in the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool process, and to provide recommendations regarding how to include domestic violence and intimate partner violence as part of the priorities.

- Chairperson Chavez requested that Administration collaborate with the City of San Jose Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee relating to research regarding housing options and opportunities available for survivors of gender-based violence and child sexual abuse.
- Chairperson Chavez requested that Administration report to the Committee and the Public Safety and Justice Committee in August 2021 relating to housing and childcare options and opportunities available for survivors of gender-based violence and child sexual abuse, including impacted population numbers, a timeline of strategies for support, and sources of funding.

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Joint recommendations from the City of San José Councilmembers were presented as follows:

Recommendations: Councilmember Raul Perez offered concurrence with Chairperson Chavez's recommendations, including direction as follows.

1. Concurrence with Supervisor Chavez's suggestion that a special meeting be organized on an annual basis.
2. Request that the San José Police Department explain the what the plan is for allocating staff to SAIU, FVU and SVU as we increase staffing
3. Ask that the housing and childcare work group come back to PSFSS in August consistent with Councilmember Arenas' recommendations.

Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas moved approval of the previous recommendations as outlined above, including direction as stated below. Councilmember Raul Perez seconded the motion.

1. Direct the City Manager to work with the County to form a working group with community advocates, the stakeholders working at the Children's Advocacy Center, to identify the best approach and regional response to approve pediatric SART exams for children and bring to the next PSFSS Police Department Bi-Monthly report with ALL the barriers identified that prevent ALL child survivors from being referred to SART/Safe exams and bring recommended options for working through the barriers.
2. Direct the City Manager to partner with the County of Santa Clara to expand the existing City of San Jose Data Informed Sub-Standard Housing Study RFP scope and needs to a joint study that is more robust and attractive to academic and non-academic institutions to gather research and data to better inform the trend of sexual assaults.[ in our region to learn if survivors and offenders are co-located in the same residence and relationship (for non-family members, and multi-family households).
3. Direct the City Manager review and explore the recommendations from the Housing Opportunities presentation for potential addition and prioritization to the City's Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Workplan and coordination with the County of Santa Clara to report back to the PSFSS Committee.
4. Direct the City Manager and (City Auditor's Office) to report the number of SART exam approvals and referrals to the bimonthly status reports at PSFSS committee on an ongoing basis.
5. Direct the City Manager to follow the leadership of the County of Santa Clara to expand the Sexual Assault Response and Strategy Workplan to the Gender-Based Violence Response and Strategy Workplan.

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6. Direct the City Manager to prepare a Manager's Budget Addendum in the FY 2021-2022 Budget Process to identify funding to expand the San Jose Police Department Crime and Intelligence Data Analytics capacity by 2 additional FTE positions and have one dedicated Crime and Intelligence Data Analyst to Gender Based Violence.
7. Direct the City Manager to expand the existing Trauma Informed Care Training to reflect patterns of stress and trauma for children under 12 and 17 and incorporate training survivor centered strategies into interactions as first responders.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion by Chairperson Chavez, as seconded by Vice Chairperson Ellenberg, was passed unanimously. (2-0.)

Action: On a call for the question, the motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, as seconded by Councilmember Raul Perez carried unanimously. (5-0.)

Chair Chavez provided closing comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Chavez adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

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Councilmember Raul Perez, Chair  
Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

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