

FW: Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024 2025 Budget

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Mon 5/6/2024 7:53 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kathryn Hedges <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:03 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; Kamei, Rosemary <Rosemary.Kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; Jimenez, Sergio <sergio.jimenez@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; Torres, Omar <Omar.Torres@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; Cohen, David <David.Cohen@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; Ortiz, Peter <Peter.Ortiz@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; Doan, Bien <Bien.Doan@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; Candelas, Domingo <Domingo.Candelas@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; Foley, Pam <Pam.Foley@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Batra, Arjun <arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Subject: Item 3.3–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers:

I am a registered voter in District 3 near City Hall and a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

I am also Disabled and want to see the end of police injuring or killing people who need help in a mental health or substance abuse crisis. Yes, there are stories of police handling calls well and providing needed support. But there are a lot of calls where police either shot someone for noncompliance in a crisis (\$4.2 million in wrongful death settlements in the past year) or (as discussed at a recent public safety town hall) decided to "de-escalate" using non-lethal projectiles. That's not what mental health professionals mean by de-escalating a situation. They also wouldn't recommend handcuffing someone in crisis and throwing them in the back of a squad car for transport... which is what SJPd spends about 20-25% of their time doing. (It's department policy even if the subject is cooperative.)

Send the right responders to calls for medical crises: EMS for physical health crises and TRUST for mental health or substance use crises. Don't leave the City open to an ADA lawsuit by the ACLU for discrimination against people with mental health disabilities by refusing to fund adequate alternative responders--that could cost far more than \$2 million for another TRUST field team.

TRUST response times in Downtown San Jose are about an hour, because the current field teams are outside San José or barely inside the western border. We need a more centrally located team to improve response times in Downtown and the neighborhoods east to Alum Rock.

Giving TRUST more resources to respond to mental health calls will reduce the SJPd resources needed to respond to those calls. SJPd can spend more time on violent crime and major property crime instead of knocking down

mentally ill people with beanbag guns and transporting them to the psych ER. TRUST currently handles about 400 calls in San José each month (total around 600 across the county) so a fifth team would add about 150 more calls to their capacity per month. How much does it cost SJPD to handle that many mental health calls? How much can San José save by reducing liability for wrongful death cases?

Do the right thing for Disabled residents of San José and expand TRUST. It's just common sense.

Kind regards,

Kathryn Hedges



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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Diane Guinta <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:04 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: May 8 Study Session for Public Safety–Fund a TRUST field team in the FY2024-2025 Budget

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Dear City Officials,

I am writing to support funding for the TRUST program. There is no reason for delay, this funding should not wait.

My perspective is as a volunteer chaplain with CIC in the Elmwood Jail and as a leader of a month-long rotating church homeless shelter that we host every year in August as part of a Bay Area shelter network run by LifeMoves. I have seen the police respond to mental health crises at our shelter, where many folks with mental illnesses and addiction problems come to sleep and eat good dinners and be in community with us. It is a complete waste of police officers' time that leads not only to a wasted resource for the community but a poor outcome for the person needing either de-escalation of a crisis by skilled people or a ride to a hospital. And for folks of color, they would rather suffer than risk the police being called.

Alternate crisis response can't wait. Given the findings of the 911 events report, funding another SJ TRUST field team is common sense. Funding alternate response is LONG OVERDUE—this was a Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation back in 2022—a report that has not been acted on in any serious way. Funding TRUST will not only save the city money, but it will save lives. TRUST is public safety. Include funding for another SJ TRUST field team for TRUST in the 24-25 budget.

Sincerely yours,

Diane Guinta
CIC volunteer chaplain , Elmwood Jail
Host, Hotel de Zink Homeless Shelter
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto
SURJ member

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To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Patty Linder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:06 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Mon 5/6/2024 12:11 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Debora Ow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:47 AM
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Many people have suffered at the hands of San Jose Police because they were having a break down and the police were ill equipped to handle it. How much has the city paid out as wrongful death settlements? Police time is better spent handling crime, not mental health issues. Another TRUST truck in San Jose will save money - and lives.

Sincerely,
Debora Ow
San Jose

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To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karen Matsueda <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 12:08 PM

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Even in light of the budget crunch for this coming fiscal year, funding an additional TRUST team for San Jose can't wait. Yes, it's an investment of resources. And the ROI - both short-term and long-term - should absolutely justify the expenditures.

My quirky, creative, and smart youngest brother has lived his whole adult life with a serious mental illness which, when he's off his meds, makes him unpredictable and frightening. In such an event, what he needs is the right type of response and responder - someone with experience and the mindset of a mental health professional rather than that of a control-and-subdue-at-all-costs law enforcer. This is precisely what shifting resources to TRUST will provide.

TRUST can't wait. Alternate crisis response can't wait. Given the findings of your own 911 events report, funding another SJ TRUST field team is common sense. Funding alternate response is LONG OVERDUE–this was a Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation back in 2022–a report that has not been acted on in any serious way. Funding TRUST will not only save the city money, but it will save lives. TRUST is public safety. Include funding for another SJ TRUST field team for TRUST in the 24-25 budget.

Sincerely, Karen Matsueda, San Jose District 3

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From: Deborah St. Julien <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:18 PM

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Dear Council Member Jimenez, Council Members of San Jose and Mayor,

I write as a 40 year resident of district 2, a homeowner, tax payer, and a deeply involved lay leader in my faith community and SURJ@SH.

I have a neighbor who is mentally unstable. If he goes into crisis, he needs the right responder like TRUST. He is one on the many lives expanding TRUST could save.

TRUST can't wait. Alternate crisis response can't wait. Given the findings of the 911 events report, funding another SJ TRUST field team is common sense. Funding alternate response is LONG OVERDUE–this was a Re-Imagining Public Safety recommendation back in 2022—a report that has not been acted on in any serious way. Funding TRUST will not only save the city money, but it will save lives. TRUST is public safety. Include funding for another SJ TRUST field team for TRUST in the 24-25 budget.

It is irresponsible to ignore the recent findings of the 911 analysis, that clearly pointed out how many calls made to 911 need a different response than police.

Courageous, strategic, data-based leadership calls for San Jose to focus on funding the proven, cost-effective alternative for mental health crises response - TRUST.

Sincerely,

Deborah St. Julien

Volunteer, faith community outreach, SURJ@SH

District 2 homeowner, tax payer, neighbor

Lay leader, Urban Sanctuary

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From: Mary Helen Doherty <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:27 PM

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Your support for TRUST is a vote that will save lives!

Thank you

Mary Helen Doherty, Resident of District 3.

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Wed 5/8/2024 8:01 AM

To:Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Kim Guptill [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 5:11 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

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Sincerely,

Kim Guptill
District 6

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