



Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Pete Constant

Subject: ADOPTION OF STATEMENT
OF POLICY AND QUESTIONS
FOR CHIEF OF POLICE

Date: January 11, 2011

Approved:

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The City of San José has benefitted greatly for many decades from the work and activities of the San José Police Department Reserve Unit. With approximately 150 volunteer officers, the Police Reserve Unit has provided the residents of San José tens of thousands of hours of supplemental public safety service.

Given the incredible contributions to the City and our residents, it is important that a new police chief understands the role and functions of the Police Reserve Unit to ensure they are appropriately utilized as a resource. Below is a proposed addition to the suggested list of City Council Questions.

21. The San José Police Department has a long tradition of maintaining and supporting a Police Reserve Unit. Please describe your experiences in working with Police Reserve Units. What are the best practices that you are aware of associated with the utilization and deployment of reserve police officers?