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August 21, 2012

Chris Moore, Chief of Police  
San Jose Police Department  
201 W. Mission Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Chief Moore:

Yesterday evening, on August 20, 2012, the City of San Jose suffered its 29th homicide; already surpassing the mark of 27 set this time last year. Violence appears to be spiraling out of control in San Jose as shootings have become commonplace in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Repeatedly, I have heard you and the Mayor in media reports state that due to repeated budget cuts within the San Jose Police Department, the Department is spread too thin to be as effective as in the past. These statements, and the rate at which violent crime is escalating in the City of San Jose, have made me tremendously concerned about the safety and well-being of the residents of our city.

I am writing to request that you acknowledge to the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol that the current rise in violent crime is beyond the control of the San Jose Police Department's resources. In doing so, you will be entitled to request that the California Highway Patrol provide the City of San Jose with Limited Term Supplemental Law Enforcement Assistance in order to work collaboratively with the San Jose Police Department and immediately put more officers on the ground in order to prevent this crime wave from becoming the norm within our great city.

As is normally the case in San Jose, you will likely take this letter to the Mayor and City Manager for counsel. If that is in fact the case, know that this request is driven by what I believe to be our mutual desire to keep the residents of our San Jose safe. At least for this moment, let us put political rhetoric aside and fight for the very people that have put their trust in us.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nora Campos".

Assemblymember Nora Campos (D-San Jose)  
Speaker Pro Tempore of the California State Assembly

