

**From:** [Wanda](#)  
**To:** [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RESTORE OUR POLICE FORCE!  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:31:05 AM

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Regarding Agenda 14.1 and 15.1, I stand with our Police and want those jobs restored. Don't you people watch the news and what is going on in cities that have cut Police.

Wanda Macicik

**From:** [Chris Thorp](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Items 14.1 & 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 10:36:48 AM

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Dear City Officials-

Are you daft?

Decreasing LE Officers at a time of unprecedented issues within the community, including massive mental health issues, gun violence, etc ... you have to be completely out of touch with what the average citizen endures in this town.

The City ( which is your primary responsibility) is a mess.

Trash everywhere, homeless everywhere, businesses failing, home prices out of control, and you want to decrease the only people out on the street authorized to deal with the degradation of the society you oversee.

I fully expect you to get out of your secluded lives, and spend time on the streets yourselves trying to do better from the frontlines, that you indeed to thin.

Bad call.

**From:** [Ashley Pang](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Agenda 14.1 & 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:07:03 AM

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Santa Rosa-

I am concerned for mine and my families safety being a long time resident and local of Santa Rosa. If anything we should be staffing more police and not cutting back.

-Ashley Pang

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Santa Rosa, ca [REDACTED] 01

**From:** [Samantha Wright](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support our police offices and DO NOT cut permanent office positions  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:17:55 AM

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Hello,

I am a Santa Rosa citizen and I am emailing to express my support for SRPD and to vote against cutting permanent officer positions in our city. This is in specific reference to agenda items 14.1 and 15.1 In the last year violent crimes in our area have climbed and climbed and now I can't even remember the last week that there wasn't a stabbing, shooting, or gun pulled from the street. It's time to stop listening to the idiotic agenda of those who want to defund our police. It has done nothing so far that has helped and has made our city a terrifying place to walk or shop in with my children. Just recently a homeless woman approached my 4 year old son in the Costco parking lot and threatened him and that is because there are simply not enough officers on the street to patrol and keep everyone safe. We need more officers to keep our community safer and that is a fact. Stop defunding and understaffing our police and start supporting those who actually want to help our city and who are actually brave enough to do it unlike our weak city council who only want to support their own selfish goals.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Samantha Wright

samantha [REDACTED]  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Matthias Williams](#)  
**To:** [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please keep SR safe  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:21:23 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please don't take positions away from our local Police department ! Already understaffed compared to other cities of our size and way over worked. Please don't put the citizens of this city at risk which will you will be doing by eliminating positions. Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN have defunded their police departments and have seen a homicide rate which has risen 70% from this same time last year !! Very sad numbers so please don't allow this to happen here. Keep our city beautiful and REFUND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT !

Thank you,

SR native/ citizen

Matt Williams

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angelina Martinez](#)  
**To:** [CMOffice](#); [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Not in support of decreasing SRPD officer \*DO NOT CUT OFFICERS\*  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:24:41 AM

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Hi there,

Please accept this email to express that I am not in support of cutting positions as referenced on agenda items 14.1 and 15.1.

We need to continue to promote a safer Santa Rosa, there must be other ways, let's all do our part.

Sincerely,

Angelina



**From:** [Sarah Rohde](#)  
**To:** [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please don't cut officers  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:28:42 AM

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Hello,

I heard recently from a co-worker that the city is considering cutting 7 or 8 police officers from the staff. I feel that this would be extremely detrimental to the city of Santa Rosa, especially given how many shootings have been reported around the country lately. I personally depend on the police force to help me feel safer when I'm at home or out or about.

I would just like to ask you to reconsider cutting these positions.

Thank you,  
Sarah

**From:** [Marissa McCollum](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Items 14.1 & 15.1 City Council Meeting 6/22/21 Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 11:41:27 AM

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Dear Council,

First, I want to thank you for serving the City of Santa Rosa as representatives and leaders.

I am a home owner, and have been a resident of Santa Rosa my entire life, as were my parents before me for most of their lives. I feel compelled to weigh in on the conversation around SRPD staffing (items 14.1 and 15.1) -- specifically that we must **defend police staffing** to protect our future.

Police are *vital*ly important to Santa Rosa. We have a range of real, local issues in this community that deserve and require the attention of law enforcement. Natural disasters, gangs, sex crimes, human trafficking, and drugs have only escalated in our community over the years. Police staffing must reflect the increased call volume and real dangers we face. Less officers will be devastating to our community as a whole. Officers will become overworked, over stressed, and not feel supported by the community they protect if their staffing is cut. This is a dangerous precedent that other cities are seeing the results of where budgets have been cut- crime will only rise and our community will suffer.

**I would ask that you please consider the full depth of our local issues that require the attention and support of our police department.** Chief Navarro is a strong leader who should be given MORE resources to ensure a safer, stronger Santa Rosa.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marissa McCollum  



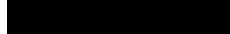

**From:** [Troy Rohde](#)  
**To:** [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Items 14.1 and 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:38:22 PM

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To whom it may concern,

We urge you NOT to cut any police officers and their shifts or hours. They are vital to the safety and well being of us and all Santa Rosa citizens. In our opinion, we need more of them, definitely not less. We know that you have difficult decisions because of the budget shortfall but fewer police officers is NOT the solution. Less officers would only cause more problems resulting in harm to the citizens and more monies being spent to fix those problems. Thank you for listening to citizens and voters like us.

Troy and Rosemarie Rohde



Santa Rosa

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Cassandra Capron](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Items: 14.1 and 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:44:22 PM

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This email is regarding Agenda Items 14.1 and 15.1 to eliminate 7 officer positions in Santa Rosa;

As a concerned police wife, taking out these positions would not only put normal citizens and deputy's at risk, but the effects will travel throughout Santa Rosa and into all of Sonoma County. This is not the time to be preventing deputy's from being on the street when crime is still climbing at an alarming rate. As a policer's wife I hear the daily calls and this past week was the first time I was truly worried for the safety of my significant other. Due to under staffing if he were to show up to a call that could escalate into a life threatening situation, he would not have had the backup he deserves while working Santa Rosa. Please do the right thing for the police officers that are quickly becoming overworked, overwhelmed, and under appreciated. Please do not take this decision lightly as it will make a critical impact on the family's your local residents.

Thank you for your time, and please do the right thing.

- Cassandra Capron

**From:** [Danny Dittmer](#)  
**To:** [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Items 14.1 and 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:47:13 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Daniel Dittmer, and I have been a resident of Sonoma County and Santa Rosa for over 30 years. The Santa Rosa Police Department's possible elimination of several officer positions is extremely concerning. Given recent legislation regarding bail amounts, and felonies being lowered to misdemeanors, the city is becoming less and less safe. There appears to be a rise in gun possession and the homeless situation is not being resolved. Santa Rosa is no longer the tight knit community it once was and the police are necessary is resolving these issues.

Thank you,

Daniel Dittmer

**From:** [Janelle Ogg](#)  
**To:** [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Cc:** [Janelle@OggClan.us](mailto:Janelle@OggClan.us)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Police are needed  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:48:56 PM

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Good afternoon,

I understand you are considering cutting back on our city's police force. Please do not do this! We need our police officers! I've lived in Santa Rosa since 1970 and love it here. We need the police force to keep Santa Rosa a safe place to live.

Janelle Ogg

**From:** [Danielle Ferrigno](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meeting date 6/22: Agenda items 14.1 & 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:15:53 PM

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Hi,

I am emailing in regards to agenda items 14.1 & 15.1, wanting to reduce the number of officers in the Police Department.

SRPD is already understaffed, and the moral is horrible in part to this. As much as our City Council would like to think we have a bad Police Department, the city of Santa Rosa is actually extremely lucky to have the group of officers we do have. If you want to continue to recruit quality officers, let me tell you this is not the way to go, people are not going to want to work for a department that is under staffed, under paid and treated atrociously by their elected officials.

Being a spouse of one of our current officers, let me tell you I have begged many times for us to leave and go somewhere else where my husband won't be treated like the problem instead of viewed as part of the solution. My husband grew up in this city and feels it is an honor to work here for our community, and the majority of his coworkers feel the same way; these are the kind of people you want working for your police department.

Some of the things our current city council have said publicly don't align with what they are saying behind closed doors, being nasty, petty and immature publicly but turning to officers behind closed doors and saying "we support you" is honestly so disgusting and disheartening.

The crime rate in Santa Rosa is already going up; look at how many shootings there have been just in the past couple weeks, it is only going to continue to trend like this unless we are able to get more active officers and our gang unity back. Many of the cities that have "defunded" the police are now backtracking, and begging for people to come work for them, do you want to add Santa Rosa to that list?

Thank you,  
Danielle Ferrigno

**From:** [KT](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda items 14.1 and 15.1 (6/22/21)  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:17:03 PM

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We cannot afford to reduce police officer staffing! We need more police to patrol and ensure our safety.

The crime is escalating in Santa Rosa. The City is no longer the safe place it used to be. As a resident of 40+ years, and a homeowner, I have seen a lot of decline. Crime, shootings, drug deals on the street, homeless camps that are a health hazard, traffic hazards, long wait times for police response...the list goes on.

I no longer feel safe walking down the street or even walking in a parking lot.

Please consider the negative effects of reducing staff before making this decision.

Thank you

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The Santa Rosa Police Department is facing proposed staffing cuts at tonight's City Council meeting. In July 2020, 4 officer positions were frozen and unable to be filled. In January 2021, 3 more positions were frozen. Today, City Council will be evaluating the permanent elimination of those 7 officer positions. We urge the community of Santa Rosa to partner with us in opposing these cuts. The Santa Rosa Police Department has recently faced an increased trend in local gun violence and the elimination of a gang crimes investigations team. Support us in the goal of increased staffing to promote a safer Santa Rosa.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**From:** [carrie mibelli](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Items 14.1 and 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:42:10 PM

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This email is regarding Agenda Items 14.1 and 15.1 to eliminate 7 officer positions in Santa Rosa;

As a concerned citizen, taking out these positions would be detrimental to our community. Preventing these positions to be filled will be continuing to put normal citizens and deputy's in danger. Not only have I seen the criminal disruption in Santa Rosa, but I see it spreading throughout all of Sonoma County. This is not the time to be preventing deputy's from having to decide between what calls to answer due to the lack of back up because of position cuts. Depending on the threat level of a call, officers may not have the resources to respond. Crime is climbing at an alarming rate and with the heat and summer being open, history shows that people will only behave worse. As a policer's family member, the stories we hear on what our officers are dealing with on a daily basis makes me fear for their lives and our community. Due to under staffing, we know for a fact that things could escalate and quickly turn into a life threatening situation. Santa Rosa is a very large town that depending on traffic, can take up life saving minutes to travel across. Please make the the right decision for the police officers and their family's. This community needs their officers. Not to mention if another fire prompts evacuations, who will you turn to? Please keep our community safe by reinstating this positions and lifting the freeze.

Thank you for your time,  
Carrie Mibelli

**From:** [Brian Thalhamer](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [CMOffice](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Items 14.1 & 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 2:35:47 PM

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Here is a suggestion from a tax PAYING, business owning, home owning Santa Rosa resident. Quit wasting our TAX dollars on these homeless programs and pay our POLICE and FIRE! You are willing to waste \$149 million on homeless programs but not willing to pay for 7 officers and a gang squad when we clearly have a gang problem. That's a real special kind of stupid! We now have less officers then we had 20 years ago. The population has grown and the crime rate has grown and you are shrinking our police force? That makes absolutely NO SENSE! How about for once in the last 15 years you actually look out for the people that actually foot the bill for this City instead of the people that take advantage and suck off the system.

Fund our police, Fund our Fire department! Quit turning Santa Rosa into a homeless shelter! Use some COMMON SENSE at a time when it's not common.

Dr. Brian Thalhamer, DC

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [Alyssa Belliveau](#)  
**To:** [CMOffice](#); [\\_CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 14.1 and 15.1  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 3:05:24 PM

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that there is possibility of losing police officer positions that our community so desperately needs. Please keep our law enforcement positions open and keep our department staffed.

Alyssa Belliveau

**From:** [gregmcc955@aol.com](mailto:gregmcc955@aol.com)  
**To:** [CityCouncilListPublic](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO P.D. OFFICER CUTS !  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 3:26:29 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council members:

I am writing you regarding items 14.1 & 15.1 on today's City council agenda urging you NOT to cut officer positions.

My abbreviated bio...

Native Santa Rosan....born, raised, educated here, graduated with a BA in Humanistic Psychology from Sonoma State University, homeowner, property owner, father, grandfather, performed years of community volunteer work here in Santa Rosa all my life & recently retired after 27 years as a S.R.F.D. fire captain....with many of those years under your leadership.

I have spent literally thousands of hours on our streets.

Unfortunately I'm seeing a turn for the worse as disrespect for the law seems to be spreading like cancer in our City as it is nationally.

Our residents' safety needs to be our # 1 priority!

I urge you not to eliminate ANY of the 7 officer positions.

**The short version is: We need the gang unit back and more officers on the street.**

THANK YOU for serving on our council and again

I urge you to reinforce our City's finest and not reduce our citizens' safety.

Respectfully,

Gregory J. McCollum  
SRFD Fire Captain (ret)