

From: [ALICIA AMBRIZ](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:03:32 PM

To whom it may concern,
This to demonstrate support for our police. The Santa Rosa Police need more support, more staffing and we need more in our communities for the safety of our families.
Thank you,
Alicia Ambriz

From: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
To: [Manis, Dina](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:46:19 PM

Another one for you.

From: Ann Bartholow <sweetann247@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Public Safety Subcommittee Comment <PSS-comment@srcity.org>
Cc: Ann Bartholow <sweetann247@yahoo.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session

To Whom it May Concern,

My Name is Ann Bartholow and since 1969, my husband and I have grown up attending local schools, worked as civil engineers and raised five children in Santa Rosa. It has been a wonderful city in which to live. I am writing today as I am deeply concerned for this city and specifically over the lack of respect and lack of appreciation I have seen exhibited toward our Police Force. Every encounter I have had with the police in our community, whether it was to warn us of the fires, respond to the theft of my home, or any of the many other times my family has needed their help, the officers were kind, respectful and efficient. It scares me to think of a city where the police resources are cut so thin that they are unable to respond to the people they serve. I am writing to you today because I really fear this is what is currently at stake in our community. As our council, you have power to make these decisions. We will be a sorry city indeed if we lose the hard working, self sacrificing public servants that do the daily difficult work to keep our city safe for all to enjoy.

I can't even imagine the pressure our police officers are under in this current cultural climate which seems to lack basic common sense. What honest, hard working, competent police officer would even want to continue to work for this city under these conditions? They risk life and family to protect an accusatory community where the few loudest voices seem intent to search out any little fault and completely overlook the overwhelming accomplishments. No one will stay working for long in an environment like that. We will loose the good people we need for this very important job.

As a resident here for more than 50 years, I believe we currently enjoy one of the finest police forces this city has ever had. If anything, it is time to increase staffing, raise pay, and actively appreciate and value the men and women who daily SERVE US. We must give our Police Chief the tools he needs to serve our city well. Nothing else will much matter if our city is not safe. I would ask you to ponder that fact. Without a competent, caring, well staffed and well compensated police force, no park will be enjoyed, no business or work place or home will be secure and no school will be desirable. It affects every aspect of our community.

I am respectfully asking that as leaders and decision makers you prioritize increased funding and staffing of our City Police Force and that any defunding that has occurred be reinstated. I also ask that you consider personally how to actively set the example for our community of respect and appreciation of these men and women.

I want to publicly thank all those who currently serve in our Police Force. Our family appreciates the difficult work you do daily on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Ann Bartholow

From: [Carla Waller](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing in Santa Rosa
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:27:40 PM

I am writing to provide input for the Police Staffing Study Session. My name is Carla Waller and I have lived in Santa Rosa for over 55 years. I am so disappointed in the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our city council and the city manager. I am asking that you refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget, hire more officers to keep our community safe, and pay our officers appropriately. The safety of our community depends upon it. I demand that our city council and city manager start to support public safety. The latest fad of “defunding the police” is an abomination to our society. The root of this movement is evil and does not accomplish anything, except hurt our cities and our citizens. Please don't fall prey to this terrible lie from a far left wing group.

Sincerely,

Carla J. Waller

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Santa Rosa CA 95401

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From: [Chris & Lorri](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:27:33 PM

Dear Mr Mayor and city council members,
My name is Lorri. I grew up in Santa Rosa and my husband and I have lived here for 31 years. I love Sonoma County and Santa Rosa. But I have become dismayed at the lack of support shown to our police department by the city council. As elected leaders of our city it is your job to lead to ensure the safety of our city. One way you can do that is supporting and respecting our SRPD. I urge you to return the funds taken from their budget and I urge you to stand behind the men and women who everyday put their lives on the line for each of us. I have noticed through the past year the many illegal firearms and illegal drugs that they have safely and efficiently removed from the streets of Santa Rosa. I fail to see how reducing the police presence will have a positive effect of keeping our city safe.
I support Chief Navarro and our SRPD officers and I strongly urge you to do the same.
Thank you for listening

From: [Cindy Pedrazzini](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police staffing study session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:04:08 PM

We need more police not less, especially in these unsettling times. I would rather our county budget fund our safety and security than burgeoning staff. These men and women put their lives on the line every day for us and our families, and they should have priority for any of our tax dollars.

Don and Cynthia Pedrazzini



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From: [Claire Bauer](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police staffing study session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:46:15 PM

My name is Claire Robert and I have lived in Rincon Valley my entire life of 32 years. I am so disappointed in the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our city council and the city manager. I am asking that you refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget, hire more officers to keep our community safe, and pay our officers appropriately. The safety of our community depends upon it. I demand that our city council and city manager start to support public safety. Why would an officer work for a city that fails to support them? It seems the crime and homeless camps have totally increased in Santa Rosa to make it a place I don't always feel safe taking my children out alone. I have loved growing up in Santa Rosa and want to raise my own family here but also want to feel safe and to feel safe we need more officers and more support for our officers who work so hard for our community.

In regards,
Claire Rober

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Connie Hawkins](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police staffing study session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 5:01:10 PM

I am writing to provide input for the Police Staffing Study Session. My name is Connie Hawkins and I have lived in Rincon Valley for 25 years. I am so disappointed in the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our city council and the city manager. I am asking that you refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget, hire more officers to keep our community safe, and pay our officers appropriately. The safety of our community depends upon it. I demand that our city council and city manager start to support public safety. Why would an officer work for a city that fails to support them?"

I am demanding support and increased staffing for our police department. My husband and I are now retired and scared to live here. Only one of our daughters still lives here and they are raising a small child. Like us, they are considering moving out of Sonoma county because of how horribly it is run. We need our officers and there are not enough of them.

Please, please hear this and act on it. And PLEASE put that blue line flag up EVERYWHERE!!

Thank you,

Connie Hawkins

From: [Dave Jones](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Meeting Agenda Item 3.1
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:09:13 PM

My name is Dave and I have lived in Santa Rosa almost my entire life. I'm writing in to express my support of the Santa Rosa Police Department. We need and expect our police department to be funded appropriately which they are clearly underfunded at this time. I viewed the department staffing presentation and what is telling is how our city has continuously shorted our community of police officers thus reducing the safety of our city. In 2006 we had 190 officers in the budget for 153,000 people. In 2020 we have 177 officers in the budget for 174,000 people. When the community grows, the police force needs to grow in order to provide the same quality of service. At a minimum we need to get back to the 188 officers in 2022 that the staffing study referenced calls for. As is mentioned in the presentation, and anyone who follows our state's laws can tell you, more and more are required of the police right now. To provide the same level of service, we need to hire more police officers.

I have heard that those against the police have been very vocal to the council. I am writing to tell you I don't know of anyone that thinks we need less police in our city. The other side may have been more vocal recently but they do not hold the majority opinion of this community. Your job as city officials is to do what is best for this community and what is best is to keep us safe with police officers.

From: [emberli bogue](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:38:01 PM

Hello, my name is Emberli Bogue,

I grew up in Healdsburg, and then have lived most of my adult life in Santa Rosa for the last 20 years. My husband and I have raised our children here and our youngest is now in her senior year in high school.

I am writing in regards to the Police Staffing Study Session. I am so saddened and concerned for the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our City Council and the City Manager. I am asking that the 1 million dollars be refunded to the Police Department budget. Taking money away from the Police Budget is the opposite of what should happen. More officers need to be hired to keep up with the demands of our city and they should all be paid appropriately. The Safety of our community depends on it.

I was horrified to see our officers being mistreated this last summer. I saw video of them being verbally threatened, and having bottles and rocks thrown at them. If our police are not supported, officers will start to leave Santa Rosa and move to work somewhere that they are supported. That will leave our city with less experienced officers that know our community well.

To Chief Navarro, and the rest of the department that may see this, I hope that the City council and City Manager will listen to the needs of our Police Department and will support you in every way. My family appreciates everything that you do to keep us and our community safe. Thank you for your sacrifice and taking care of our city. My family appreciates it and is sorry for the lack of support that you have been shown.

I demand that our city council and city manager start to support public safety.
Thank you, Emberli Bogue (Santa Rosa Resident)

From: [Erika Copenhaver](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for the Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:08:46 AM

I, Erika Copenhaver, am a concerned community member, small business owner, and mother of two small children. I was born and raised in this community and am an active community member. I have watched over the past few years as our community has unfortunately deteriorated and become a haven for homelessness and crime due to a lack of law enforcement and staffing to help serve our city.

How can a city, who has grown from the early 2000s, now have fewer police officers than we had in 2005? How can we allow our streets to become more dangerous for our people who live here, play here, and work here? This is unacceptable.

Staffing studies have been presented and our city is woefully underrepresented by the number of law enforcement that SHOULD be protecting our community. Other comparable cities have more officers, per capita, than our city of Santa Rosa, which is again unacceptable.

Our city stands idly by allowing the infiltration of gangs, homeless people, and other violent and nonviolent crimes to run rampant, failing to prosecute and staff our law enforcement properly so that they can do their jobs --- which is the protection of the people of this city! DO SOMETHING!

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Please note that I am not in the office on Fridays

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Thank you.

From: [Sharon Bailey](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda 3 Police staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 5:00:37 PM

My name is Forrest Bailey and I have lived in Rincon Valley for 16 years and Santa Rosa 43 years. I love our city and I am grateful for all you who serve. BUT I am so disappointed in the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our city council and the city manager. I am asking that you refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget, hire more officers to keep our community safe, and pay our officers appropriately. The safety of our community depends upon it. I ask, urge that our city council and city manager start to support public safety please remember you represent us, I ask you to hear our pled. Why would an officer work for a city that fails to support them?" WHY please get some back bone and let's do the right thing and support the man and woman who LAY down their life for us. You work is not laying down your life, nor is my work. So lets appreciate those who do.

Please take care of our POLICE so they can do their job!! You all reap the benefits and we the people support you and we are the one paying our taxes. Again thank you for your service and thank you for listening to the people of Santa Rosa, Ca.

Thank you

Forrest Bailey

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From: noreply@granicusideas.com
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New eComment for City Council
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:01:09 PM

[SpeakUp](#)

New eComment for City Council

James Letasi submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 3.1 SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING Staff will provide a department-wide analysis of the historical staffing trends, including staffing within the investigative units and special assignments. The study will include fifteen years of historical data of overall staffing and calls for service. Staff will also provide an update on current recruitment efforts and succession planning.

eComment: I am a resident of Santa Rosa and I have worked in dispatch at the Santa Rosa Police Department since 2008. In that time my coworkers and I have helped many people, suffered through traumas, and served this community. I have been proud to work for this agency and in my hometown. I have seen my coworkers, dispatchers, and officers countless times over the years help this community, sometimes at the cost of their own wellbeing whether that be mental or physical. As it stands right now this city has not staffed the Police Department with the staff it needs to keep up with call volume. I see it on a nearly nightly basis, calls pending on the screen for much longer than it was ever permissible when I first started. We struggle and sometimes fail to meet mandates about response and entry time for missing persons, for example. Talking to angry citizens who think we are ignoring their call, due to our response time, is becoming a regular part of the job. Frankly we are failing our community and if the city continues to ignore the staffing deficit the response times will be worse, it will result in more bad outcomes for those who call for help, less patrols on the streets, increased overtime for your current employees, more stress leave, early retirements, et cetera. I have worked through natural disasters, the pandemic, and many calls that still disturb me. Do not ignore or minimize the positive impact we have on the community. Give us the resources and staffing so it does not take hours for officers to respond to calls and so there can be proactive patrols. Give us the resources so we don't have to work increasing levels of overtime taking us away from our families. Help us perform our mission to make Santa Rosa a safe place to live, work and play.

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From: [jan.cregan](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study for Santa Rosa
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:22:43 PM

Dear Council Members,

As a longtime resident of Santa Rosa, I implore you do everything you can to bolster and support the police department of our city during these difficult, turbulent times, and as we move forward. Officers are disheartened and morale is low. Staffing is poor, and disrespect from the public is rampant, making the effort to serve and protect all the more difficult, dangerous, and thankless. The issues with law enforcement across the country, especially the despicable few who sully the reputation of the good, has left a bitter taste in the mouths of many, but the truth is, when a peace officer is needed, we need and want them to be there! It is to our own detriment that we cut the budget and decrease the ranks. Santa Rosa is no longer the lovely place it once was, with fires and overwhelming homelessness, crime, and unkempt streets. We need more officers, not fewer. Consider these things as you carry out your decision making. Let's lift Santa Rosa up, protect Santa Rosa with a robust and outstanding police presence, and redeem our city before it becomes a place to move away from.

With respect and trust,
Jan C. Steiner

From: [JC \(JiChao\) Sun](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for the Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:26:27 AM

To whom it may concern,

I have been a local Santa Rosa resident since 2012. The latest BLM activity has turned from good cause to intentional looting and rioting. The proposal to defund local police is simply groundless and needs to be abolished.

We need more support to our police officers. To defund police is threatening our basic law and order and jeopardizing our community security.

Thanks,
JC

From: [Rowlands, Jennifer](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment is for Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:55:20 AM

Dear council members,

I would like to be on record as very thankful for the men & women in law enforcement who serve Santa Rosa.

Like many, I have been dismayed and heart sick over images across the country of tragic deaths that seemed unwarranted at the hands of law enforcement. In my opinion, there have been some real miscarriages of justice and they should be addressed.

However, nuance seems to be totally absent in our present climate. We have lost the ability to hold two things true at once. Bad cops should be held accountable. Good cops should be supported. How can we support good cops by continually making their job more difficult? How can we implement help & reform by slashing resources?

I have witnessed so much sarcasm directed toward police officers in the last couple of years when they voice concern over budget cuts. But this past year has shown there are different levels of sacrificial service. Most our country has endured trauma this year, police officers more so. They have lived with the consequences of COVID in their homes without the option of working from home. They have gone into a hurting, angry community and put their lives on the line every single time. They have dealt with significant community trauma 3 out of the last 4 years with wildfires and record floods in 2019. They have experienced the roller coaster of “thank you first responders – we love you!” to “Defund the police – we hate you!” They have born the brunt of broken things in our country and a legacy of inequality. There are things that need to be fixed but they need more resources to do so, not less.

City Leaders need to be able to understand nuance – you cannot expect it from the loudest voices you hear. It is your job as leaders to be able to sift past mob mentality and discern how to help the city move forward. Discouraging, shaming, and defunding our police will just exacerbate the problems we face. We need good police officers and they need our support! We have a police chief that serves with integrity and wisdom. He is not inflammatory but rather a voice of serving his community. We need to celebrate that kind of leadership and provide the resources needed to serve well.

Respectfully & sincerely,

Jennifer Rowlands

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From: [John Graves](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:53:39 PM

Santa Rosa City Counsel

As a lifelong resident of Santa Rosa, I would like to offer my support for Chief Navarro and the Officers of the Santa Rosa Police Dept.

During these difficult days that we have all had to endure. Your police officers have continued to serve our community diligently respectfully. Meanwhile a small minority of our community have chosen to demonize SRPD with physical and verbal and personal assaults and you members of our council do not appear to have the will or the courage to support these fine public servants.

I would urge you to reexamine your actions and start to support those who risk so much for our safety and protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Graves

From: [Josh Carrillo](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Sunday, January 24, 2021 2:26:13 PM

Good afternoon,

I'm emailing to provide input for the Police Staffing study session. My name is Josh and I've lived in Santa Rosa for 40 years. I care for this community and it's people very much. I want to share my confusion and disappointment for the lack of public support for our city's police department, particularly from our city manager and city council.

These officers and public servants faithfully care for and serve our community by putting their lives at risk for our safety and well being. I am grateful for their service and for their willingness to continue to improve so they can better care for all members of our city.

As a concerned citizen, I would encourage you to show public support for them and give them the resources they need to care for and protect our city. This is not a time to be taking away from them but to empower and equip them to grow as officers.

This is an opportunity for our city to come together and support each other so we can be a better community.

Thank you for your time.

Josh Carrillo

From: [Scotts](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] This comment is for the Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:08:02 PM

My name is Judy Scott and I am the grandmother of 7 wonderful grandchildren who live in Santa Rosa. I'm always at one of their homes and up until recently have felt safe in your city. There have been several budget cuts and understaffing in your Police Department which prevents Santa Rosa from being the safe place that it was. I have seen increased crime, unchecked homelessness along with filth in your streets all the while preventing the police from being able to do their jobs due to these cuts.

I'm sending this email in support of returning the budget that was taken away from the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Please return Santa Rosa to the once desirable, safe and clean place it used to be.

Sincerely,

Judy Scott
Caring Grandmother Extraordinaire

From: [Kim Graves](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Ray Navarro and the whole Santa Rosa Police Department
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:53:45 AM

Good morning Santa Rosa City Council,

I'm writing to support our Chief of Police, Mr. Ray Navarro and his whole department. I am 62, was born and raised in Santa Rosa and up until the past few years have always been very proud of Santa Ross, my lifetime home.

Currently, when I drive around town I see garbage, filthy homeless encampments, spilled sewage in our Rincon Valley neighborhood, increased reckless speeding even on neighborhood streets, and more.

We own a building on Fourth Street where my husband has to continuously clean up after people who have slept in his entry way leaving their used needles, feces and other filthy belongings. We have been graffitied many times and are the ones responsible for cleaning up within a short time to evade being fined.

With all of the above negative things occurring in Santa Rosa, it's not the right time to bow to the loudest, most disrespectful, disruptive and divisive members of our community by eliminating a million dollars from the police department and further reducing police staff. Our City has grown over the past 20 years requiring adding staff not reducing. I don't want to move out of Santa Rosa, but if things do not improve we will have to take our business elsewhere.

Also, I support Ray Navarro in the Facebook posting of the blueline flag. He should not have had to apologize for something representing police support. It's absolutely absurd members of our community would be offended by that and even more absurd and disappointing you would take their side by asking the post to be removed. As Biden, would say "come on" City Council of Santa Rosa. I trust you will read this and take to heart my heartfelt and sincere feelings. Thank you for your time.

Kim Graves



From: [Kristin Chiles](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:16:57 PM

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the current staffing crisis at the Santa Rosa Police Department. As a member of this community, it breaks my heart to even have to reach out regarding the issue at hand. Having an understaffed department is not only unsafe for our community but for our officer's as well. I feel especially compelled to write this, having several close friends and friends that I consider family working for SRPD. I would certainly hope that during a pandemic (and just in general), that our faithful city leaders would give our local police the support, funding and adequate staffing they are asking for. Your community and the people that protect it are counting on you to make the right decision. Thank you.

Kristin

From: [Lorena Pureco](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police staffing study session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:43:37 PM

Hello,

My name is Lorena Pureco and this letter is to show my support for the police department and other community services. As a resident of Santa Rosa for over 30 years, never in that time have I seen or experienced more the need for police protection than today. We live in very dangerous and uncertain times and taking away the sense of security and protection law enforcement provides all of us in our home town is very concerning and unacceptable. We need to support them in all ways possible! I thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion and urge you to take it into consideration on your upcoming meeting.

Respectfully,

Lorena Pureco

From: [Mae Nelson](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:29:21 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I feel extremely blessed to have been born & raised in beautiful Santa Rosa and have personally known many incredible people who have served us in law enforcement over the years. Living in a community which values & fully supports the men & women who daily put their lives on the line to protect us is imperative to a thriving community and is something I value wholeheartedly. I am grieved by the lack of support that our city council members have shown our officers, and for the safety of our community and all those who call this place home, I implore you to stand up for what's right and refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget & value our officers by compensating them appropriately. Our community depends on your support of the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Thank you,
Mae Nelson

From: [Marc North](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] POLICE STAFFING STUDY SESSION. AGENDA 3.1
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:36:53 AM

STAFFING is critical to the safety and security of officers and the community. SRPD requires and deserves the staffing necessary for safe, effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services and to carry out SRPD's mission without being compromised or hamstrung by budget restrictions and reductions that impede or prevent adequate staffing.

Failure to adequately provide for REASONABLE, NECESSARY and PROPER SRPD staffing poses as a clear and present risk to the community and SRPD Officers.

SRPD is currently understaffed per capita when compared to comparable cities, (except the City of Vallejo which has been widely publicized). The issues facing that agency are well known and have made national attention.

Communities with adequately and properly staffed police agencies attract more competitive candidates giving agencies the best opportunity to retain and promote visionary leadership for their community on a long-term basis.

Adequate staffing right now is Santa Rosa's investment to face the increasingly complex community demands and expanding litigious vulnerability. Adequate staffing in keeping with community growth and expansion improves safety for the community and officers and is a risk reduction / mitigation strategy.

I urge policy makers that structure and provide for budget and staffing to have a long-term vision for their community by supporting SRPD's call for fullest and proper staffing!

Sincerely,

Marc Mercereau

From: [Matthew Bogue](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] January 26th City Council Study Session on Police Staffing
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:39:01 PM

My name is Matt Bogue. I live in Rincon Valley. I have raised my family here in Santa Rosa and have been a Sonoma County resident for the majority of my life. My neighborhood has seen an uptick of property crime in the past few months. I have been a victim of this twice recently and 100% support the police that have come and helped me. We need to have law and order and security in our city. If people don't feel safe, they will leave. Please do NOT take ANY more financial support away from our vital police services and restore any funding that you have previously taken away! Our police officers need MORE funding, not less! Security MUST be a top priority of our city council! We, the people of Santa Rosa will be watching your actions and we WILL remember when it comes time for re-election! All of my friends and family 100% support our police officers! Remember - people that want security and support police officers are the majority! Don't cave in to the demands of a vocal minority! We love Ray Navarro as our police chief and our rank and file police officers, out there putting their lives on the line to protect us every day! Thank you - Matt Bogue

From: fore_powers@sonic.net
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Jan. 27 SR City Council Meeting - Agenda item 3.1 SRPD Staffing
Date: Sunday, January 24, 2021 4:18:00 PM

Dear SR City Council,

As long time residents of the City of Santa Rosa, we would like to offer our strong support for increased staffing of the Santa Rosa Police Department. Under Chief Navarro, SRPD does a fine job of serving our community, but it is clear that for size of our city and compared to other comparably sized cities in Northern California, we need more (not less) staffing...particularly with respect to officers.

Best Regards,

Mike & Marianne Powers

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Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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From: [Sharon Bailey](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:27:01 AM

My name is Sharon Bailey and I have lived in Rincon Valley for 16 years and Santa Rosa 43 years. I love our city and I am grateful for all you who serve. BUT I am so disappointed in the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our city council and the city manager. I am asking that you refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget, hire more officers to keep our community safe, and pay our officers appropriately. The safety of our community depends upon it. I ask, urge that our city council and city manager start to support public safety please remember you represent us, I ask you to hear our plea. Why would an officer work for a city that fails to support them?" WHY please get some back bone and let's do the right thing and support the man and woman who LAY down their life for us. You work is not laying down your life, nor is my work. So lets appreciate those who do. I get the Nextdoor app and everytime I read a police report and if the officer leaves his email. I email them back subject line_ Thank you and then with a short note to say please disregard the hate of the main stream media and know the majority of this town wants and needs you. I thank them for their service and making our city a safe place. You know what? The majority of them send me back a quick note saying thank you for your kind words.

Please take care of our POLICE so they can do their job!! You all reap the benefits and we the people support you and we are the one paying our taxes. Again thank you for your service and thank you for listening to the people of Santa Rosa, Ca.

Thank you,
Sharon Bailey
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Sharon

From: [Sue Ellen Bolt](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Staffing Study Session
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:58:26 PM

Hello

As a commercial office building owner in downtown Santa Rosa losing tenants due to crime, social unrest, and an unsafe environment - I am wondering what more we can do to insure the future looks brighter for SR. We have lights, alarms, and cameras - this isn't an inexpensive way to do business! Our pillar of strength rests with the notion that we have police protection. I am all for mental health professionals to deal with some of the problem folks we encounter every day; but not at the expense of decreasing the level of protection that is needed on the street.

In addition, my very first Santa Rosa High School 'Student, Teacher, Parent' meeting had an agenda item to disarm the school policeman (1996). Parents (mostly moms) stated that it was intimidating to have a uniformed, armed person in the school. It is a needed element when times are tough! Frankly, these parents were naive about the incidents at the school! No one liked to talk about things happening at the school: presence of gangs, weapons on campus, fights and more!

I am shocked that the City of SR would be considering any reduction of police presence in the City of Santa Rosa anywhere! The discussion should be about providing services that meet the needs of the area! The department needs resources to meet their challenges. Seriously? In the time of Covid, fentanyl, steroids, an increase in population (!), stress levels - a reduction of the level of security will be disastrous. Please restore the budget and maintain this department's ability to sustain its function!

Sue Ellen Bolt
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Xiangzhong Fan](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support police officers
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 1:14:10 PM

I am writing the email to provide input for the Police Staffing Study Session. My name is John Fan and I have lived in Santa Rosa for nine years. I am so disappointed in the lack of support for the Santa Rosa Police Officers from our city council and the city manager. I am asking that you refund the 1 million dollars to the police department budget, hire more officers to keep our community safe, and pay our officers appropriately. The safety of our community depends upon it. I demand that our city council and city manager start to support public safety. Why would an officer work for a city that fails to support them?

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From: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] SR Police Staffing Study Session, January 26, 2021
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:16:45 AM

From: Cparegalia <cparegalia@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Public Safety Subcommittee Comment <PSS-comment@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SR Police Staffing Study Session, January 26, 2021
Dear Santa Rosa Mayor and City Council Members,

My husband and I would like to add our comments regarding the upcoming study session and discussions of the Santa Rosa Police Department.

Chuck and I have been residents of Santa Rosa since the early 1970's and are proud to call Santa Rosa our home and also the home of our daughter and her husband. We've enjoyed our career's, homes, family, volunteer work, neighborhoods and Church's in one of the best places to live in California. Sadly in recent year's and most notably this past summer in our own Downtown public square, lawlessness, violence, destruction and disobedience have occurred that threaten the very safety and security of our community. Let's add to that the Covid-19 pandemic, fires (multiple), evacuations, power outages, lock-downs, business cut backs or closing and now considering a 2021 drought and water shortages.

I mention all this in order to say, we **strongly support** the brave Men and Women of our Police Department and all the public safety staff. They do an amazing job given what additional impacts we have here in Santa Rosa and all of Sonoma County. We strongly urge you to support the following:

- * Refund the 1 million to the Police budget.
 - * Hire enough additional officers to adequately police Santa Rosa and not over burden our existing officers.
 - * Let's pay them well, reconsider raises, we want to hold on to our officers.
- We also strongly urge our City leaders to vocally support the efforts of our officers who provide Law and Order. Without Law, we have no order.

Thank you,
Chuck and Patty Regalia

From: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] City Council Comment on Agenda Item 3.1 / Police Staffing Study Session January 26 & 27, 2021
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:14:48 AM

From: Elizabeth Warren <ejw@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Public Safety Subcommittee Comment <PSS-comment@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Comment on Agenda Item 3.1 / Police Staffing Study Session January 26 & 27, 2021

I hope you can attach this to the correct agenda / meeting item.

January 25, 2021

RE: City Council Comment on Agenda Item 3.1/ Police Staffing Study Session

Council Members:

I'm addressing Agenda Item #3.1, for the City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021, regarding Santa Rosa Police Department Staffing and the Police Staffing Study Session.

I'm writing to give input for the Police Staffing Study Session and to convey my support for our Santa Rosa Police Department.

First: I must register my outrage at the lack of support our elected city council and appointed city manager have given the Santa Rosa Police Officers. The minute you bowed to the pressure from special interest groups and withdrew your support from local law enforcement, you stopped acting in the best interest of our community and you violated the trust of your constituents. This is not a course of action I support or voted for.

Second: I am asking for you to fully restore the police department's budget, so they are able to perform their duties of PUBLIC SAFETY. We are the public and we want to be kept safe! Staffing has been reduced while at the same time, the population has increased and calls for service have increased. This simply doesn't make any sense. Every citizen wants a safe and secure home and community. We need to hire more officers to keep our community safe. We also need to give our officers a raise so that their salary is just compensation for their sacrifice and service. We need to show our officers we value their service and sacrifice. Lacking this, we will continue to see record retirements, overworked and demoralized officers and a community that descends into lawlessness. Why would anyone want to work for a city that does not support them? Why would anyone want to live in a lawless community? The safety of our community depends upon your swift reversal of this recent trend of budget cuts and devaluation of our Santa Rosa Police Officers.

As a taxpayer and 50-year resident of Santa Rosa, I must speak out and demand that our city council and city manager show the respect and support that our public safety officers deserve by restoring the budget and personnel and materials needed to run the department as the Chief sees fit. Running the department is his job. Giving him the tools to run it (the money) is yours. So do your job so he can do his!

And finally, a question: Have you gone mad? Unless you alter your course, you are heading down a path that will turn our city into a wasteland of lawlessness where parks and streets and stores and homes are not safe. Is this your vision for our beloved city? It's not mine.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Warren