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Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council: June 30, 2020: Item 3.2

City Council,

On behalf of my partners — collectively with me, owners of approximately two hundred eighty (~280) acres at the former Santa Rosa Naval Auxiliary Air Station, the largest private land holdings in the City of Santa Rosa — I'm writing in strong support of the City of Santa Rosa Police Department (Department).

While my partners and I understand you wish to consider certain changes to the Department, we respectfully recommend you keep in mind the interests of the approximately 177,000 residents of the City.

My partners and I respectfully request you enable the Department to protect in full the interests of parents, grandparents, and children living in Santa Rosa; the students and teachers in the City's schools; the businesses spread throughout the City and their employees and customers; the invitees and guests visiting the City; the tenants and landlords; the investors; non-profits; and property owners, including, but not limited to, our partnership which has owned land here since 1961, nearly sixty (60) years.

To a person, each officer of the Department has, in dealing with our partnership or our land over a lengthy period of time, been professional, prompt, courteous, and efficient, among other laudatory attributes. Consistently, the Department's officers have gone above and beyond their sworn duties.

All of us now need you to keep the Department strong.

All of us now need you to ensure the Department's officers — the men and women in Department uniform — are fully able to protect us and our property.

All of us now need you, while allowing freedom of speech, to protect us against personal injury and unlawful looting or property destruction.

All of us now need you to stand beside and behind the Department officers on the street.

Please ensure, no matter what, if any, action, you, as the elected Council take, the City maintains a strong, robust, well-funded, and well-staffed Department.

Please stick with the tried-and-true; listen to the City's residents; listen to those with experience and knowledge; take careful, deliberate action; and prioritize the voices of all those listed above.

Thank you very much in advance for your review of the foregoing; and thank you very much for your service to the City of Santa Rosa.

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Good afternoon,

As a resident of Santa Rosa for nearly 40 years, I strongly oppose the defunding and dismantling of the Santa Rosa Police Department.

I don't think there are many in this country who weren't appalled at what happened to George Floyd at the hands of the police in Minneapolis, but calling to defund Police is not the way to go. The overwhelming majority of police in this country and our city Police Department specifically are good cops doing the best job they can. We need to stop punishing the many for the abhorrent actions of a few. If anything, we should be spending more money on our Police Department in the form of more and better training.

After reviewing the presentation slides for tonight's meeting, you have highlighted what you have heard to date. Looks to me as you have only highlighted the negative feedback you have heard. I find it hard to believe you have not received any feedback supporting our police. If I were to wager a guess, I think there are more people who support our police than there are that want to defund them, but the opposing voice is the loudest at this time. It is my understanding that you are hearing from a lot of people and organizations that reside outside of the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma. I would urge you to listen to the voices of your citizens and not outside entities that do not have any "skin in the game".

I was absolutely shocked after reading up on the "8 to Abolition" movement. Have any of you actually read this? They want police disarmed and removed from our communities, hospitals and schools! Who is going to come protect us when someone breaks into our home in the middle of the night? Who is going to run into a school and disarm a madman that starts shooting the place up? If calls for disarming the population is next, then the only people left with guns will be the criminals. As former police officers, Tom and Ernesto, you know what would happen. I certainly hope you remember the oaths you took as Police Officers. Please don't allow this!

The next item on the presentation slides are the calls to drop charges against the protesters. If the protesters were non violent, didn't loot or vandalize and obeyed curfew, they weren't arrested, so it is only the ones that BROKE THE LAW that were arrested. Dropping charges against those that broke the law because their claim of "it was for a good cause" would set a dangerous precedent. People can't pick and choose which laws to follow. If that is allowed then what is the point in having any laws?

In light of everything that has happened, emotions are running high in everyone. We all need to step back and think clearly and logically about this and not let our emotions make the decisions.

Thank you,
Tracy Humphrey