

Andrea Sanders

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Please see attached comments from me on behalf of the Campbell Police Officers Association

Good evening Honorable Mayor and Council Members, unfortunately I am unable to be here in person to proudly represent the fine men and women of the Campbell Police Officers Association. As a supervisor in this organization, and someone currently assigned to a desk job, I am continuously impressed by the courage and fortitude our officers display as they come into work amid this pandemic to face the unknown. They do it with full understanding that they might get exposed, that this sickness might come home with them, and yet they continue to go out every day to protect this community. Having a police department with space for officers to address their health and wellness and to work safely in times that are continually more trying is of utmost importance to me and our membership. I believe that this council shares these priorities and understands the importance of making sure that the men and women who take care of this community are in turn taken care of.

The last time I spoke in front of you, there were comments from council regarding the identified needs and changes to the Police Department that occurred shortly after 9-11 and thoughts as that relates to Measure O. Those comments seem particularly prescient today. As a council it is upon you to ensure essential services for our community into the future, and if nothing else this pandemic has highlighted what services are truly essential. The likelihood is that we have not experienced our last act of terrorism in this country, this most likely will not be our last pandemic, and there will most certainly be a natural disaster in our future. The brave men and women of the Campbell Police Officers Association will be called into service in our most trying times and it is with complete confidence that we know they will show up.

In the same way that law enforcement has changed significantly in the last thirty years, so has the way that people obtain information. We are talking about building public safety infrastructure that will need to last forty to fifty years. I am left wondering if it would be prudent to invest so much of the finite resources available to these two projects to completely overhaul and renovate a city building, for the county library to lease, when technology is trending away from physical libraries and will only continue to do so as technology advances and information on demand becomes the reality of the public library system. It is unclear at this time when people will even be able to meet in groups or share books again. Distance learning and video meetings is most likely the reality of our future post COVID-19. What is clear is that regardless of the emergency of the day; 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days per year, a Campbell PD dispatcher will answer your 911 call and our officers will respond to your emergency and provide you with the outstanding police services that our department has become known for.

The investments in City services should be made with an eye towards the future. It is the opinion of the Police Officers Association, that splitting this money down the middle, while politically expedient, would not ultimately accomplish the goals of funding the type of police department that will be needed to support our members into the future. Tough decisions will need to be made along the way, and I would ask that as funding becomes an issue, which it most certainly will with these types of projects; and even if this current emergency is distant in our rearview, that you not forget that the next emergency is likely around the corner and that our members will again be asked to make a personal sacrifice and they will most certainly show up in our community's time of need.

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As a reminder to the city Council there's no limit on the amount of money for the police station the new building needs to meet the PDs needs. If they need more or less is irrelevant, the new building has to suit their needs, legally.

that was the language in the ballot measure.

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