

Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council and Staff.

My name is Joseph Weinstein, I am a Real Estate Broker, I live at 626 Hamilton Ave and my wife and I have lived in Milpitas for 36 years.

In the late 1970's, early 1980's our Police Department was a training ground for higher paying Police Departments. We trained officers and they left for higher pay. This City Council chose to increase the compensation of officers because we wanted to protect our investment. We chose to ensure we had experienced officers to protect our city.

When budget constraints, spikes in crime or gang activity occur I want the police department to answer to our City Manager and Our City Council, not to a governing body elected mostly by voters in San Jose, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Alviso, etc. Those voters care about their cities, we care about the City of Milpitas.

CHOOSE THE MPD

The Command Staff at the Milpitas Police Department are experts at managing and adapting to crime in our City. Former Chief Graham and Acting Chief Pangelinan have creatively addressed the current burglary crisis with a special action group. Since it is too early to get the statistics, ask our officers if burglary activity has gone down. The Police Chief should answer to our City Manager and this City Council.

Since 1976 our Officers have responded to every formal request for pay or benefit reductions during financial crisis. They are prepared to do so again. What possible influence might we have with the County Board of Supervisors if we are not satisfied with budget of the Sheriff's department and when we are only a small part of the county? How will

we respond to future demands for increased service costs? We are not going to be able to start up a new Police Department.

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I am making a formal request that the City Council, at the next Council Meeting, adopt an ordinance that requires any outsourcing of the Police Department to be approved by the voters in our city.

In Addition:

We have formed an organization called “Choose the MPD” that will create and support a ballot initiative that requires any outsourcing of the Police Department to be approved by the voters in our city.

Since “Choose the MPD,” was founded we have found phenomenal support for logistics, volunteers to collect signatures and funding. We will secure a ballot initiative at the lowest cost possible with a volunteer staff.

I am 61 years old, my wife and I have lived here since 1976, we are planning to retire in Milpitas because it is a great city, we have the Senior Center, the Library, the City Hall, and all the shops that we need to support our retirement. I want to be able to live in a Safe City!

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