



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember
Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO PRIORITY SETTING
NOMINATION ITEM:
SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY

DATE: October 13, 2017

Approved

Date

10/13/17

RECOMMENDATION

Augment the nomination in my memo¹ dated September 28, 2017 related to a Suicide Prevention Policy to include the following directions:

- Promote suicide prevention awareness to city residents and employees through existing events and meetings.
- Develop a communications approach and plan, including a distribution plan for city employees--especially any crisis response teams--and residents.
- Coordinate and collaborate with the county, regional and state efforts, like Each Mind Matters. This includes promoting and enrolling city employees in county-provided training programs (many of which are offered free-of-charge).
- Explore the development of a suicide prevention plan for the city based on the particular characteristics/needs of San José population.
- Direct staff to produce an annual review and report about the suicide prevention policy, the work done, and areas for improvement/expansion.

BACKGROUND

Based on the discussion during the Rules and Open Government Committee (ROGC) on October 4, 2017, the above recommendation is to provide clarification to the committee's concerns on how the city can effectively put forth an effort that is in alignment with the city's existing resources and can create change around this delicate issue. My intention is to not be prescriptive but rather provide ideas for staff on the different options available towards approaching this policy development.

¹Peralez, R. (September 28, 2017). *Suicide Prevention Policy* [Memorandum]. Retrieved from URL <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/72255>