



DRAFT MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Thursday, January 8, 2026

At 6:03 p.m. Vice Chair Sidharth Rajaram called the Regular Public Safety Commission meeting to order at the Quinlan Conference Room, 10185 North Stelling Road and via Teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Sidharth Rajaram and Commissioners Sashikala Begur, Gregory Klein, and Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam (arrived at 6:04 p.m.). Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: November 13, 2025 Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the November 13, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes

MOTION: Rajaram moved and Klein seconded to approve the November 13, 2025 Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Rajaram, Klein, Sapaharam. Noes: None. Abstain: Begur. Absent: None.

POSTPONEMENTS – Begur moved and Rajaram seconded to reorder the agenda to hear item No. 2. last, and move item no's three and four to precede item two. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Rajaram, Begur, Klein, Sapaharam. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

San Rao spoke about increasing enforcement of red-light violations at Highway 85 and Stevens Creek due to severe traffic backups: also requesting the city explore ways to reduce cut-through traffic caused by this congestion.

OLD BUSINESS – None

REPORTS / UPDATES

2. Subject: Report by the Santa Clara County Fire District
Recommended Action: Receive Report by the Santa Clara County Fire District liaison

Santa Clara County Fire District liaison Hector Estrada gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which Santa Clara County Fire District liaison Hector Estrada responded to.

Vice Chair Rajaram opened the public comment period, and the following people spoke:

- San Rao

Vice Chair Rajaram closed the public comment period.

3. Subject: Report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Recommended Action: Receive report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office liaison

This item was not heard.

MOTION: Rajaram moved and Begur seconded to skip this item. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Rajaram, Begur, Klein, Sapaharam. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Subject: 2026 Meeting Topics
Recommended Action: Review and discuss list of potential meeting topics for 2026

Block Leader Coordinator Marta Drown gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which Block Leader Coordinator Marta Drown responded to.

Vice Chair Rajaram opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

Begur moved and Rajaram seconded to keep the list as is with the exception of changing priority four to become a sub-topic of priority number three. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Rajaram, Begur, Klein, Sapaharam. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Marta Drown updated the Commission on emergency preparedness efforts, storm coordination,

vegetation management reviews, cybersecurity assessments, and encouraged signing up for AlertSCC.

Commissioners asked questions which Block Leader Coordinator Marta Drown responded to.

Vice Chair Rajaram opened the public comment period, and the following people spoke:

- San Rao

Vice Chair Rajaram closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Begur discussed a wildfire preparedness presentation held by the Cupertino Library Foundation featuring local fire agencies and CERT programs. She recommended that the Commissioners and City participate in future preparedness presentations and emphasized the importance of these events. The Commissioner also mentioned that similar presentations would be held in the future.

Vice Chair Rajaram shared anecdotal feedback from encouraging friends and family to register for AlertSCC over the holidays, noting that people across age groups found the sign-up process unnecessarily complicated, particularly due to password requirements. Vice Chair Rajaram suggested the Commission may want to further examine the issue this year to improve accessibility and participation.

Commissioner Klein reported on attending the Lawson open house and noted the monthly GMRS/Ham Radio check-ins for zone-based reporting.

Commissioner Sapaharam discussed sending e-mails to Library Commission about AlertSCC awareness and potentially attending one of their meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING –

Commissioners added the following future agenda items:

- Determine ways to increase AlertSCC registration (Rajaram, Klein)
- Gather and compile all necessary information on red light cameras and speeding, sufficient to make an informed recommendation to the Council. (Rajaram, Klein)
- Identify and review the City of Cupertino's fire hazard mitigation plans for the hills and surrounding areas. (Rajaram, Begur)

- Each Commissioner to research and return with two concrete recommendations regarding the second workplan item: potentially receiving a presentation or having a discussion with IT and the Sheriff's Office, with the objective of determining what initiatives to implement and push out across all communication channels. (Rajaram, Begur)

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m. Vice Chair Rajaram adjourned the Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

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