



August 17th, 2021

Mayor Sarmiento and the City Council Members
City of Santa Ana
22 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Agenda Item #41 Approve Appropriation Adjustment Transferring Funds from the Police Department Metropolitan Division to other Police Department Accounts

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and City Councilmembers,

I write on behalf of Chispa to ask that Item 41, Approve Appropriation Adjustment Transferring Funds from the Police Department Metropolitan Division to Other Police Department Accounts, **be continued and discussed at a later date.** We strongly disagree with the 1.1 million transfer of funds from the Metropolitan Division going towards other divisions within the police department. We ask that Councilmembers work with young people to identify existing programs outside of the police department that better serve the needs of young people.

As an organization by and for young Latinxs, this proposal will directly impact the young Latinxs in Santa Ana, who make up a significant portion of this City. We hope this item can allow a real shift in Santa Ana's public safety support. For these reasons Chispa requests that you continue Item 41 and allow time for more community input and discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boomer Vicente", written in a cursive style.

Boomer Vicente
Policy Director
Chispa