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Lt. Wayne Farquhar
San José Police Department
201 West Mission Street
San José, CA 95110

The Campus Community Association wishes to both commend the San José Police Department and to make a request for future events.

The members of CCA understand and appreciate the exceptional burden upon our force associated with events like Cinco de Mayo. The professionalism exhibited by the force results in an amazingly low incidence of violence, injury or other detrimental event. As downtown residents, we thank you for your dedicated service.

As you are aware, the CCA is concerned about the events of Sunday evening, May 2nd, when vehicles were diverted into South 17th street. From your earlier explanation, we are aware that congestion along Santa Clara Street resulted in impacted traffic, while temporary neighborhood diversion relieved this condition and restored traffic flow. However, our neighborhood residents were concerned about the quantity and nature of this traffic. Our association is further concerned about the traffic diversion effectiveness given the neighborhood's traffic control barriers.

Therefore, we'd like to request that downtown neighborhood associations including the CCA be invited to participate in future traffic control planning for exceptional events such as Cinco de Mayo. Our participation will help the police department with insight into unique neighborhood conditions and will give the neighborhood more ownership over the plan.

Thank you for considering our proposal,

David Erickson
President, CCA

cc: Councilperson Cindy Chavez, District 3