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Rick Rudy, President
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Dear Mr. Rudy:

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 1988.

We have reviewed with interest the report by Abt Associates, Inc., "The Response of the Criminal Justice System to Bias Crime: An Exploratory Review."

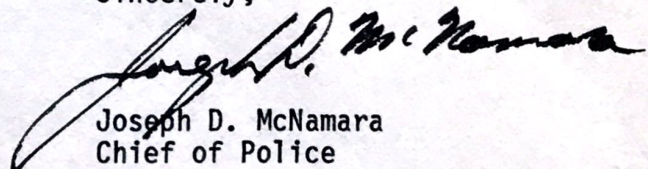
I don't believe the kind of crime this document refers to is a major problem in San Jose. I wish to assure you that crimes of this nature will not be tolerated in San Jose. Officers enforce all infractions, misdemeanors, and felony activities with vigor and care. When assaults are reported, our officers conduct a thorough investigation, collect the evidence, and forward this information to an investigator. The investigator gathers additional evidence, if required, and presents this information to the District Attorney.

During fiscal year 86-87, 618 aggravated assaults and 808 simple assaults were assigned for investigation. We obtained a clearance rate of 60% and 39% respectively. Of cases assigned, we are able to obtain criminal complaints on approximately one-third of the total number of cases.

San Jose Police Department has a specific portion of inservice training devoted to familiarizing police officers with issues related to gays and lesbians in the San Jose area. The instructor for this course module has been Wiggys Sivertsen, L.C.S.W., Professor of Counseling Services, San Jose State University. This portion of our training covers alternative lifestyles and is presented to make sure police officers are aware of problems faced by this portion of our community. We feel the training, designed to forestall any misunderstandings regarding alternate lifestyles, has been effective and well received by the officers.

If you have additional questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Joseph D. McNamara
Chief of Police

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cc: Iola Williams, Vice Mayor
Mr. Leo Himmelsbach, District Attorney