



HIGH TECH GAYS

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Joseph McNamara, Chief
San Jose Police Department
201 W. Mission St.
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Chief McNamara:

"The most frequent victims of hate violence today are blacks, Hispanics, Southeast Asians, Jews, and gays and lesbians. Homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims." (From a report, "The Response of the Criminal Justice System to Bias Crime," prepared for the National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice, October 1987.)

This is the first time that the US Government has officially acknowledged that gays and lesbians are indeed a persecuted minority segment of the American population. We have known it for some time.

High Tech Gays represents over 700 gays and lesbians in the south bay, high-tech businesses who have a vital interest in seeing that bias crime against our community is effectively thwarted. Your reputation, Mr. McNamara, gives us hope that preventing bias crime is among your list of critical objectives, and we are enclosing a full copy of the above mentioned report for your review. Its few pages contain a succinct overview of current statutes, law enforcement and prosecutor's practices, and information on collecting bias violence data. I hope you will take the time to read it.

High Tech Gays would like to know specifically what the San Jose Police Department's plans are in this area, and I would like to invite you to address our group, to speak directly to us on San Jose's response to bias crime. We meet at the DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center on the second Sunday of each month. I will contact your office within the next week or two to set up a convenient date, or you may call me at (408) 255-6128, eves, or (408) 943-0636, days. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Rudy".

Rick Rudy
President

cc: Ms. Iola Williams, Vice Mayor
Mr. Leo Himmelsbach, District Attorney
Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC)
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF)