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To: City Council (San Mateo) <CityCouncil@cityofsanmateo.org>

Subject: Police cars

Hello councilmembers,

And happy Friday. I would request that someone pull the \$580k contract for new police cars off the consent calendar to learn more about the purchase. I favor investing in important infrastructure for our police, but the decision to go ahead and purchase non-hybrid cars despite a directive from council to purchase hybrid vehicles that are presently not available suggests an urgent need for the vehicles that the memo doesn't really explain. Is it really so urgent we can't wait 6 months to see if hybrid cars become more readily available? \$580k is a lot to spend on what is admittedly a less desirable choice, and one that means that at least nine cars in the fleet won't be hybrid for the next many years. There may be a perfectly reasonable rationale for the need to purchase the vehicles right now, but I think an explanation of the rationale would be helpful, in light of our anticipated budget shortfall.

Also hoping we can keep the discussion of the DA investigation to a minimum. It's a distraction that is dividing our community unnecessarily.

Caiti