

Memorandum

### TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

**FROM:** Paul Joseph Chief of Police

# SUBJECT: INFORMED BAIL SETTING PERMANENT IMPLEMENTATION

**DATE:** October 28, 2024

#### APPROVED

Memo #2024-024

### BACKGROUND

After a brief pilot program and some minor edits, the revised *Affidavit re Probable Cause and Bail Setting* form and the new *Law Enforcement Risk / Mitigation Factor Worksheet* are ready for permanent implementation and use by Department members. The intent of the forms is to better inform the judiciary regarding mitigation and/or risk factors to consider when setting bail. These factors include, but are not limited to, threats to public safety, flight risk, mental health concerns, and substance abuse.

# ANALYSIS

Beginning November 1, 2024, Department members shall use the revised *Affidavit re Probable Cause* and *Bail Setting* form when booking individuals into Santa Clara County Jail. Additionally, Department members will complete and submit the *Law Enforcement Risk / Mitigation Factor Worksheet* when they are aware of mitigation and/or risk factors that should be considered when setting bail.

# <u>ORDER</u>

Beginning November 1, 2024, all Department members shall adhere to the above policy.

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Paul Joseph Chief of Police

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