

Agenda

STUDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

MEETING VENUE CHANGE:

Palomar College

Governing Board Room, SSC-1

1140 W. Mission Road

San Marcos, CA 92069

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Commission Meeting – September 8, 2014

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (*This is the public's opportunity to address the Commission on items not on the agenda.*)

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Speakers are limited to five minutes. Please complete a "Request to Speak" form and place in basket provided.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

A) Respect Program – Deputy Nelson, Sheriff's Department

B) Parking Restrictions Report – Karl Schwarm, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Services

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Elect Chair – Item Continued to the next meeting.

5. REPORTS

- A) Sheriff's Department Report – Sergeant Haynesworth
- B) Code Compliance Report – Building Official Reynolds

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMISSION COMMENTARY

ADJOURNMENT

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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I, Sandra Gallegos, Recording Secretary of the Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission, hereby certify that I caused the posting of this agenda in the glass display case at the north entrance of City Hall and outside the Palomar College Governing Board Room # SSC-1 on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Dated: November 6, 2014



Sandra Gallegos, Recording Secretary



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Acting Chair Clark.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, DENTONI, GUTOWSKI, KRETCHMAN,
MARTINEZ, RUMER ARRIVED AT 6:36 PM
ABSENT: K. KILDOO, PARIS

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy City Manager Romero, Interim Building Official Reynolds, Sergeant Haynesworth and Recording Secretary Gallegos.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY KRETCHMAN, SECONDED MARTINEZ, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 4/14/14 AS CORRECTED.

AYES: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, KRETCHMAN, MARTINEZ, RUMER
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: DENTONI, GUTOWSKI
ABSENT: K. KILDOO, PARIS

2) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the San Marcos Youth Advocacy Coalition gave a presentation about their group. The Coalition was started in February 2013 and is sponsored by Mental Health Systems' North Inland Community Prevention Program. The Coalition is made up of a group of local students working to reduce youth access to alcohol and other drugs in the City of San Marcos. Members of the Coalition include Melissa Arena, Teresa Gonzalez, Odalis



Sanchez, Jessica Ortiz, Edgar Baltazar, Leslie Soza, Jocelyn Najera, Joselyn Alvarado, Luci Torres.

3) NEW BUSINESS:

A) ELECT CHAIR

Moved by Commissioner Kretchman, seconded by Gutowski to continue this item to next month's meeting due to Commissioner Paris' absence.

B) ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES (VAPING DEVICE) DRAFT ORDINANCE PROVISIONS

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO presented the staff report. Staff's recommendation is that the Commission consider the potential amendments to the San Marcos Municipal Code Chapter 8.80 "Smoking in Certain Places" and Chapter 10.10 "Youth Access to Tobacco", and recommend the changes to the City Council.

ACTING CHAIR CLARK stated there are places where the word tobacco has been replaced with smoking materials, however, it was not done consistently throughout. **DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO** indicated that it will be done in the remainder of the ordinance, especially in Chapter 10.10. She added that the definition of electronic cigarettes (vaping devices) has been added.

CHERRYL BAKER, resident, parent and school counselor at Mission Hills High School expressed her concern with the growing trend in vaping and use of electronic vaping devices. She has seen an increase in popularity with electronic vaping devices. She is concerned that our youth think that vaping is harmless and that it is being normalized. One way to send a message that vaping is harmful is to prohibit vaping in any location in our city that is already smoke free. Close to half the cities in the county have already prohibited vaping in their smoke free locations and she urges the Commission's support in doing the same. In February our school district amended their smoking policies to prohibit electronic vaping devices and vaping. She stated that prohibiting vaping in smoke free locations and public places in our city is just good public policy.

KARI MOYA, Program Coordinator for Vista Community Clinic Tobacco Control Program. She thanked the Commission for keeping the issue of youth access to e-cigarettes in the forefront. She stated they are here to provide any assistance they can as the city moves forward with this ordinance. She stated they are seeing more and more kids, even as young as middle school, vaping and using electronic smoking devices. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that the use of e-cigarettes among middle and high



school students has doubled in recent years. These numbers are likely to rise as electronic cigarette companies are actively targeting youth. She spoke about the different flavors and cartoon characters being used to market the e-cigarettes to children.

KC STRANG, resident and Program Manager for the San Marcos Prevention Coalition stated that the Coalition works to reduce and prevent alcohol and drug use among youth in San Marcos. The Coalition is extremely concerned about the rise and popularity of electronic vaping devices among our youth. He passed out a copy of a press release put out about two weeks ago by the CDC on electronic cigarettes. Last year, 250,000 middle and high school students that had never smoked a conventional cigarette tried vaping and that is a threefold increase from 2011. Of those 250,000 youth they indicated they are twice as likely to smoke a conventional cigarette as those who have never used e-cigarettes. He spoke about studies that have shown there are carcinogens in the second hand vape. It is not just liquid nicotine that is in the vaping devices, they can also vape heroin, meth, cocaine and marijuana. He stated that the ordinance makes sense and is good public policy. The ordinance will send a message that vaping is not accepted in public places. He believes the ordinance will prevent and reduce electronic cigarette use in youth, strengthen community norms that vaping in public areas is not allowed, and reduce unwanted exposure to toxic second hand vapors in public areas.

MELISSA ARENA, San Marcos Youth Advocacy Coalition stated they support banning vaping wherever smoking is already prohibited. She stated that electronic cigarettes are opening our youth to a new generation of smokers.

CELESTE YOUNG, Program Manager at North Inland Community Prevention Program, stated that the big tobacco companies are behind this and are looking for a new generation of smokers. She supports any action the Commission takes to reduce electronic cigarettes/vaping devices in the community.

KRISTINA MULLIS, Prevention and Media Specialist for Vista Community Clinic Tobacco Control Program stated that electronic cigarette use has exploded within the last few years and like with any new product on the market, the dangers are still not fully known or understood to the fullest. Electronic cigarettes have gained a reputation of being a vapor alternative to traditional smoking but they are not completely safe. She spoke about second hand aerosol exposure which can cause a variety of health issues ranging from eye, throat and airway irritation from short term exposure to the development of asthma in children after long term exposure. She stated that although the full scope of electronic cigarette dangers is yet to be understood, vape free policies are an important step toward protecting the community's overall health and safety.



NADINE KAINA, Chairperson of the Palomar Health Community Action Council of San Marcos stated that the Council is made up of health advocates who work together to promote healthy living. At their last meeting they voted to unanimously support the banning of vaping in smoke free locations. She passed out a letter of support from the Palomar Health Community Action Council. The Council is concerned about the negative health effects of electronic cigarettes, the lack of health and safety standards and regulations, and the increasing number of people vaping in public areas. Regardless if a person vapes or smokes drugs, she did not know until recently how these toxic chemicals are emitted into the body and air. If you are sitting in a park bench or outdoor patio and someone is vaping marijuana or heroin you likely would not know it is in the air. She stated that some of electronic cigarettes are being marketed with health claims that mislead the consumer. None of these claims have been reviewed by the FDA or any other public health authority. The CDC recently released a report that said that calls made to the poison center involving e-cigarette liquids with nicotine rose from 1 per month in September of 2010 to 215 per month in February of 2014. She urged the Commission to prohibit vaping in all of the city's smoke free locations.

LETICIA ROBLES, resident and parent, stated that she and her husband recently went to a smoke shop in San Marcos to ask if they had any devices to smoke wax. They were sold a 3 in 1 vaporizer which she passed around for the Commissioners to look at. She thanked the Commission for their consideration to ban vaping where smoking is not allowed.

ACTING CHAIR CLARK stated that the Commission was being asked tonight if they want to recommend the changes that were made to the ordinance to the City Council. There were no questions or discussion from the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER KRETCHMAN stated she was hesitant moving forward with this because she wanted to present it to the Palomar College Associated Student Government and bring back their comments to the Commission.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO indicated that the earliest this would be put on the City Council agenda would be mid-October. The Palomar College representatives could abstain on this vote tonight. If the vote were to pass unanimously tonight with the rest of the Commissioners it would move forward to the City Council. The other option would be to continue this item until the next meeting which is in November.



COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ stated that if this ordinance passes tonight, the Palomar College representatives and anyone else can speak on this item at the City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ MOVED, AND COMMISSIONER RUMER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN MARCOS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.80 "SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES" AND CHAPTER 10.10 "YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO".

AYES:	CAVANAUGH, CLARK, KRETCHMAN, MARTINEZ, RUMER
NOES:	NONE
ABSTENTION:	DENTONI, GUTOWSKI
ABSENT:	K. KILDOO, PARIS

4) REPORTS:

A) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

SERGEANT HAYNESWORTH stated that in the month of August the party calls were not as prominent as they have been in the past. The Sheriff's Department has been targeting the Sprinter train stations because a gang called Diablo from Escondido have been coming to San Marcos via the Sprinter. The gang members have been stealing cars and confronting students and residents near Palomar College. The Sheriff's Department now has a Human Trafficking Task Force and their main interest is to rescue minors. Sergeant Haynesworth spoke about an active shooter incident that occurred at Cal State San Marcos which turned out to be someone carrying an umbrella.

B) CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

BUILDING OFFICIAL REYNOLDS stated that code enforcement activities related to disturbances of the peace and boarding room complaints have increased in the last week and a half. There are currently three open investigations related to the rooming house ordinance. Disturbance of the peace has not been regularly reported to the Sheriff's so those complainants have been encouraged to include the Sheriff's to help city staff build their case. None of these cases are student related.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO stated that when the City Council adopted the rooming house ordinance this Commission recommended that one of the caveats was that it could not be rooming house complaint only, there has to be associated issues such



as noise or trash. Once we receive a certain amount of noise calls that lets the code enforcement officer check into a possible rooming house violation.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REYNOLDS indicated that the noise complaints and reports are their biggest tool to get the property owner involved because they become liable for those violations.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ asked if the number of vehicles parked at a house was enough for a complaint. **DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO** stated that they could take a look at that but if they are all parked legally it is difficult to discern because it could be familiar status. The rooming house ordinance it doesn't consider familiar status all it considers is three separate leases, either implied or non-implied. So folks that are not related cannot reside in a single family if it is more than four.

STAFF COMMENTS

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO welcomed the new commissioners and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

COMMISSION COMMENTARY

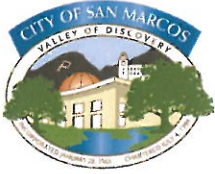
DIANA CAVANAUGH is the appointed community representative.

PAM RUMER representing the Chamber of Commerce is the President and CEO. She has a background in media and public relations.

JEFF "JJ" GUTOWSKI is a fifth year student from Cal State San Marcos. He represents the ASI as the Vice President of External Affairs.

KIM CLARK is the Executive Director of the San Marcos University Corporation at Cal State San Marcos. This is her third year on this Commission. She reported that they have reached a new record of 12,000 students and they have just taken down the construction fence around a new student health and counseling center that will open in November.

LINDSAY KRETCHMAN is the Student Activities Coordinator at Palomar College. She stated that the fall semester began August 18th. They just opened their Humanities Building. Construction will start on the new Library in January. Students from the Associated Student Government will be attending the California Community Colleges of Student Affairs Association Leadership Conference in October.



MICHAEL DENTONI is a second year student at Palomar College and is representing the Associated Student Government.

XAVIER MARTINEZ stated he is an original member of this commission and has a tax practice in San Marcos.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER stated that the City has implemented new parking restrictions around Palomar College and Cal State San Marcos. She asked if they have seen an increase in parking permits.

COMMISSIONER CLARK indicated she did not have numbers to report on tonight. She has not seen or heard any strong reaction to the parking restrictions.

COMMISSIONER GUTOWSKI stated there is an outcry among the students that parking has become very difficult this year. Last year you could always find parking in the largest parking structure. Now at peak times students have to travel all the way to the top level of the parking structure only to find there is no parking available and many of the large lots are overcrowding.

COMMISSIONER CLARK stated that there are parking spaces on campus available but they are not on the side of campus that everybody wants to park on. A lot of the demand is near the parking structure because that is where the student housing is and the new classroom buildings.

COMMISSIONER KRETCHMAN indicated she has not had a chance to meet with Campus Police to see what the parking permit numbers look like.

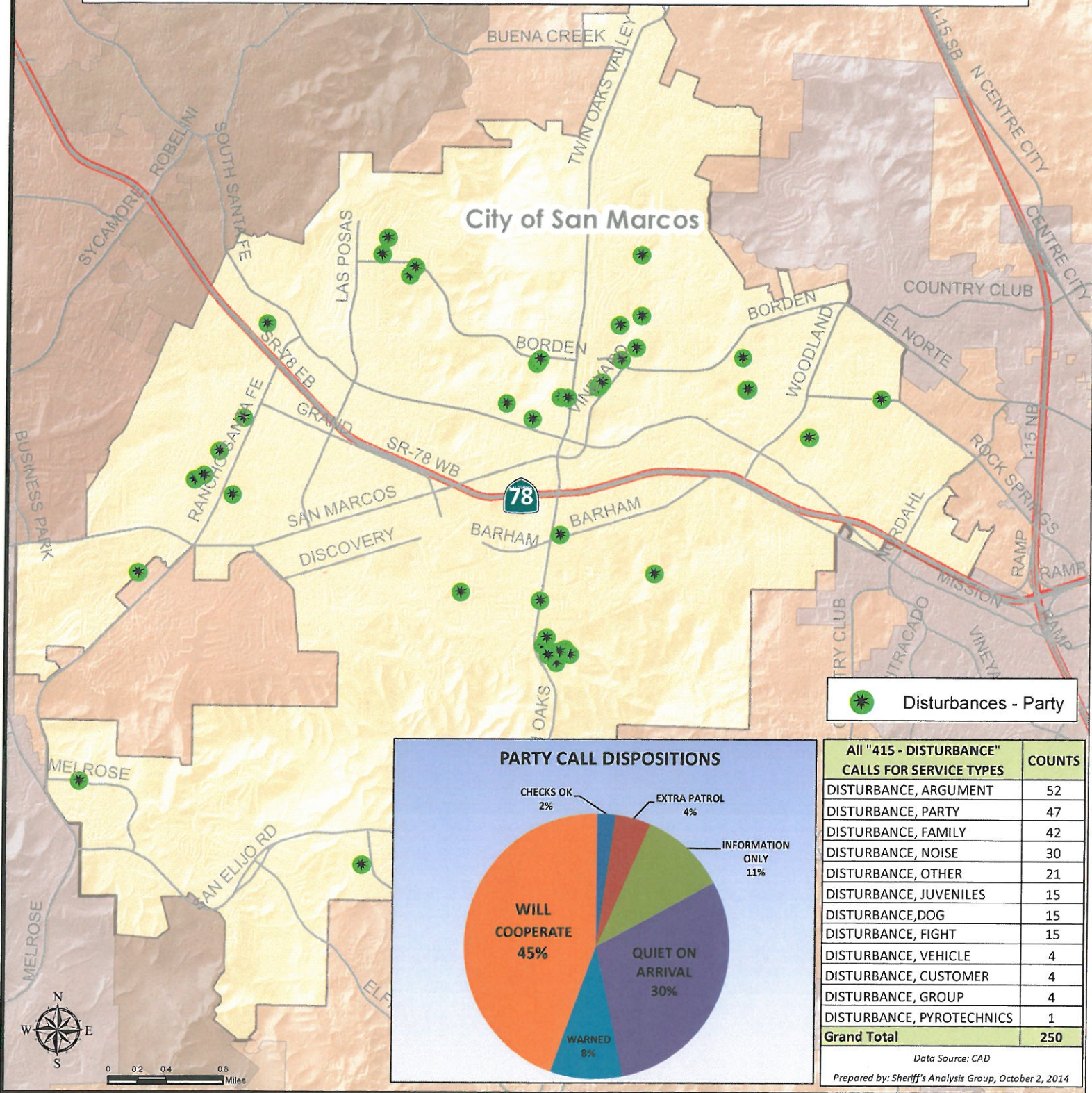
ADJOURNMENT: Acting Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

KIM CLARK, ACTING CHAIR
STUDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

ATTEST:

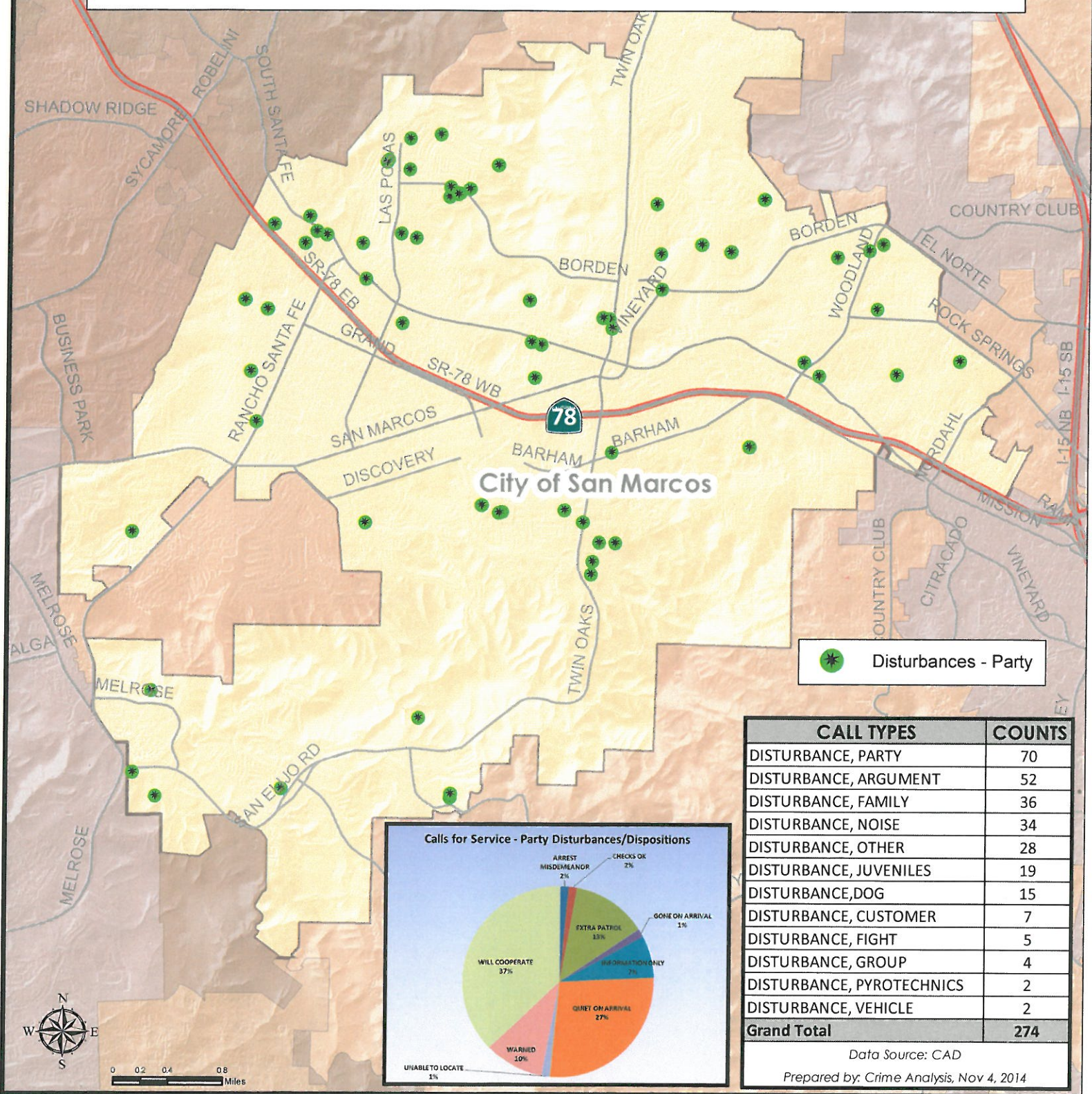
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Disturbance Calls For Service Analysis September 2014



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