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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JULY 14, 2015**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: HELICOPTER PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE CITY OF CORONA FOR \$399,292 ANNUALLY FOR CONTINUED AIR SUPPORT SERVICES BY RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH JUNE 25, 2017**

## **ISSUE:**

The issue for City Council consideration is approval of the Helicopter Program Agreement between the City of Riverside and the City of Corona to allow the Riverside Police Department to continue to provide air support services to the City of Corona for a two-year term at a cost to the City of Corona of \$399,292 annually.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Helicopter Program Agreement between the City of Riverside and the City of Corona to allow the Riverside Police Department to continue to provide air support services to the City of Corona for a two year term, from June 26, 2015 through June 25, 2017, at a cost to the City of Corona of \$399,292 annually;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary contract documents; and
3. Authorize an increase in revenues in the amount of \$399,292 and appropriate expenditures in an account assigned by the Finance Department.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Police Department Aviation Unit provides aerial support for ground operations in observing, preventing and interdicting criminal activity. The fleet consists of one (1) Hughes and two (2) McDonnell Douglas helicopters. Due to the costs associated with continuous maintenance and replacement of parts that have met their runtime hours, the Riverside Police Department (RPD) has needed to limit the air time for these airships. Last year, RPD explored alternate funding sources to complement the aviation budget for fuel and maintenance/repairs costs and negotiated an agreement with the City of Corona (Corona).

In June 2014, the RPD entered into an agreement with Corona to provide air support services to Corona. During the first year, the collaboration with Corona has been beneficial and economically viable for both agencies. Both agencies would like to continue this agreement and partnership.

The Agreement allows for two-year extensions, the ability for Corona to terminate their Tactical Flight Officer if needed due to budgetary issues, the ability for Corona to carry over unused hours from the previous year, and an increase in direct operating costs, which results in fewer flight hours per year for Corona. Both agencies have agreed to these changes. The City of Corona approved the Agreement at their July 1, 2015 City Council meeting. The term of this Agreement is from June 26, 2015 through June 25, 2017. All extensions will be brought back to the City Council for approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total revenue received through air support services to the City of Corona is \$399,292 annually. These funds will be used to offset costs for fuel and repairs/maintenance of the Aviation Unit's helicopter program.

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