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# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**      **DATE: JULY 10, 2018**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT**      **WARDS: 2, 3, 4 AND 5**

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,017,390 FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2020**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside Unified School District and the City of Riverside in the amount of \$1,017,390 for the term of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 for the School Resource Officer Program.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside Unified School District for the School Resource Officer program for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years in the total amount of \$1,017,390; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside Unified School District, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Police Department (RPD) and Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) have been in partnership with a School Resource Officer (SRO) program for over 21 years. The program is an extension of the community oriented policing philosophy whereby police officers are assigned to the public schools to provide a direct public safety resource to the various schools within the district. The model has proven to be an effective crime prevention tool, enhances community trust between youth and law enforcement, and provides a direct resource to handle criminal investigations that occur on campus. Furthermore, officers partner with school staff to reduce student truancy, present educational programs, and encourage students to be responsible for their own actions and to make informed decisions.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The RPD provides five SROs, one each at Arlington High School, John W. North High School, Martin Luther King High School, Poly High School, and Ramona High School. The Riverside Unified School District and the Riverside Police Department would like to continue this partnership that supports positive youth development, crime reduction and school safety.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The SRO program costs will be shared equally between the City and RUSD for a total estimated cost of \$1,017,390 to fund the five SRO positions annually. Per the terms of the MOU, RUSD will fund 50% of the cost in the amount of \$508,695 annually in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years; this is an increase from the current agreement of \$435,577 per year. The City will cover the remaining \$508,695 per year for salary and benefits, which is included in RPD's FY 2016-2018 Two Year Budget.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

### Attachment:

1. Memorandum of Understanding between Riverside Unified School District and City of Riverside for the School Resource Officer Program
2. Presentation