



Public Safety Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE: MAY 15, 2019**

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: MEASURE Z – ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO EVALUATE CURRENT AND FUTURE POLICING NEEDS FOR THE CITY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS IN LOCATING A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS SITE

ISSUE:

Recommend that the City Council approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals to evaluate current and future policing needs for the City and provide recommendations in the location of a new police headquarters site.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Public Safety Committee:

1. Receive this report regarding the proposed issuance of a Request for Proposals to evaluate current and future policing needs for the City and provide recommendations in the location of a new police headquarters site; and
2. Recommend that the City Council approve the proposed issuance of a Request for Proposals to evaluate current and future policing needs of the City, and provide recommendations in the location of a new police headquarters site.

BACKGROUND:

Trends in policing are always evolving; thus, retaining a consultant that specializes in providing governmental agencies recommendations in effective policing will provide the City valuable information in meeting the current and future public safety needs of the community and in locating and sizing a new police headquarters site.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Riverside (City) has experienced significant growth over the past nine years growing from 303,871 to an estimated 324,727 in population, making the City the 12th most populous city in California. The population density is nearly 4,000 people per square mile, with residents of 18

years and under making up approximately 25% of the population, and those in the age range 25-44 making up 27% of the population. Over the past ten years, the population has grown at a rate of approximately 1% annually, and is expected to continue to grow at near the same rate over the next several years. The City has 28 designated neighborhoods and a total area of approximately 81.5 square miles.

Due to evolving trends in policing, actual Riverside Police Department data (RPD), and other considerations, staff is recommending a Request for Proposals (RFP) be issued seeking a policing consulting firm with significant experience in successfully providing federal, state and municipal policing agencies guidance in developing strategic plans to meet current and future policing needs. The selected consulting firm will work with the General Services Department, RPD Administration and City staff to develop a plan considering the current policing needs of the City and trends for policing into the future.

The City is also exploring various options for developing a new police headquarters site that optimizes operational services to the community. The RPD's current headquarters is located at 4102 Orange Street, a two-story building and basement level with approximately 39,000 total square feet, 30,000 square feet of which is currently in use. The consulting firm will be tasked with analyzing current policing operations, services levels and future trends to recommend potential locations and size of a new police headquarters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated fiscal impact of this project is not to exceed \$50,000. Sufficient funding is available in the Measure Z budget for the Police Headquarters Site.

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Attachment: Request for Proposals