



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: AUGUST 18, 2020**

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: 5, 6 and 7**

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$637,986 FOR TERM OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

ISSUE:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Alvord Unified School District in the amount of \$637,986 for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for the School Resource Officer Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Alvord Unified School District in the amount of \$637,986 for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for the School Resource Officer Program; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alvord Unified School District, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Police Department (RPD) and Alvord Unified School District (AUSD) have been in partnership with a School Resource Officer (SRO) program for over 22 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 three SROs, one each at La Sierra High School, Norte Vista High School, and Hillcrest High School. The Alvord Unified School District and the Riverside Police Department would like to continue the partnership that supports positive youth development, crime reduction and school safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact to the City of Riverside is \$637,986 for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

The SRO program costs will be shared equally between the City and AUSD to fund the three SRO positions annually. Per the terms of the MOU, AUSD will fund 50% of the cost in the amount of \$318,993 per year for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22; this is an increase from the current agreement of \$305,217 per year. The City will fund the remaining \$318,993 per year for salary and benefits. Sufficient funds exist for the first year of the contract in RPD's FY 2020-2021 budget. The amount required for year two of the contract will be included in the FY 2021-2022 budget submission presented to the Council for approval.

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| Attachment: | Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside and Alvord Unified School District for the School Resource Officer Program |
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