



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

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 \$1,063,310 FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2022

ISSUE:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside Unified School District and the City of Riverside in the amount of \$1,063,310 for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 for the School Resource Officer Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside Unified School District and the City of Riverside in the amount of \$1,063,310 for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 for the School Resource Officer Program;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or 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 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:

RPD provides five (5) SROs, one (1) 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 total fiscal impact of the recommended action to the City is \$531,655 per fiscal year for a total of \$1,063,310. The SRO positions are included in the RPD budget for fiscal year 2020/21. Funding for fiscal year 2021/22 will be included during budget development for that year.

The SRO program costs will be shared equally between the City and RUSD for a total estimated cost of \$1,063,310 per year to fund five (5) SRO positions. Per the terms of the MOU, RUSD will fund 50% of the cost in the amount of \$531,655 per year for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22; this is an increase from the current agreement which states a cost of \$508,695 per year.

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Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

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