



City of Arts & Innovation

Community Police Review Commission Memorandum

TO: COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION **DATE:** May 26, 2021

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE **WARDS:** ALL

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE
PUBLIC SAFETY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department regarding the Public Safety Engagement Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Police Review Commission receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department regarding the Public Safety Engagement Team (PSET).

DISCUSSION:

The Public Safety Engagement Team (PSET) is a multi-department team that is designed to maintain order in public places while also providing homeless individuals with a pathway out of homelessness. Specialized team members provide resources and assistance while addressing issues of unlawful panhandling, camping, abandoned personal belongings and vagrancy. The team officially began activities in the community in May 2019 and is funded through Measure Z funding.

Members of PSET include employees from the Office of Homeless Solutions, Police Department, Community and Economic Development (Code Enforcement), and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. All PSET staff have completed specialized training specific to engaging with homeless individuals, mental health, and public health. The City also holds a contract with a private company to clean up homeless encampments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Approved by: Megan Stoye, Senior Management Analyst/CPRC Manager

Attachment: Presentation