

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

400 WEST BROADWAY LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA 90802

Robert G. Luna Chief of Police

October 10, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a new agreement between the Long Beach Police Department and the Long Beach Unified School District, to staff School Resource Officers, in an amount not to exceed \$865,649, with an estimated net cost to the City's General Fund of \$216,412. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested for the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) to enter into a new agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) for the school year of September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. LBUSD will reimburse the City for the law enforcement costs, including indirect costs up to their maximum share of the agreement of \$649,237. Four School Resource Officers (SROs) will be assigned to the high school campuses and will be available throughout the term of this agreement on Tuesday through Friday each week, except on days when students are not present. Since 2014, LBUSD has increased their share of the agreement to 75 percent of the total cost. The City's share is 25 percent, or \$216,412.

SROs provide LBUSD with an additional resource to reduce and prevent student-related problems. LBPD began the program in 1999 as a preventative measure following the Columbine incident. Since its inception, LBUSD officials believe the high schools are safer and benefit from a low crime rate because of this partnership that serves to meet the City Council's stated priority to further reduce crime, particularly violent crime.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on September 13, 2017 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on September 20, 2017.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 10, 2017, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

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# **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost of services provided under this agreement is approximately \$865,649 and is included in the FY 18 Adopted Budget in the General Fund (GF) in the Police Department (PD). Under the terms of this contract, LBUSD will reimburse the City approximately \$649,237 (75 percent), which will be deposited in the General Fund (GF) in the Police Department (PD). The net General Fund subsidy of 25 percent for this agreement will be approximately \$216,412. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. LUNA CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER