

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.47
(ID # 24950)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA:

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Approve the Two-Year Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the County of Riverside and the Palo Verde Unified School District for the Provision of a School Resource Officer (FY24/25-25/26). District 4. [\$393,000 - 100% School Services Law Enforcement Revenue]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the two-year Law Enforcement Services Agreement for the Provision of a School Resource Officer between the County of Riverside and the Palo Verde Unified School District (FY 24/25-25/26) through June 30, 2026 and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute three (3) copies of the attached Agreement on behalf of the County.

ACTION: Policy

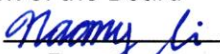

Paul Bennett, Chief 5/15/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 21, 2024
xc: Sheriff

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 192,000	\$ 393,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: School Services Law Enforcement Revenue 100%			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25-25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR: 24-092

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 6/7/22 3.36

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Palo Verde Unified School District (District) approved the new two-year Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the County of Riverside for the Sheriff's Office Provision of School Resource Officers (SROs). The current contract expires on June 30, 2024, and the attached Agreement ensures that service will continue uninterrupted.

The FY2024-25 estimated law enforcement cost is \$192,000. The Sheriff's Office has included the cost estimate in its budget; therefore, no budget adjustment is necessary. County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The Sheriff's Office and District share common goals that include the provision of programs that address the needs of students at risk. The SROs serve as a visual deterrent to aberrant behavior and thereby enhance campus control and student protection. All costs for this Agreement will be fully recovered through Board-approved rates.

ATTACHMENTS:

3 - Agreement for Law Enforcement Services Between the County of Riverside and the Palo Verde Unified School District

Rebecca S. Cortez
Rebecca S. Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 5/15/2024

Amrit Dhillon
Amrit Dhillon 5/7/2024

Aaron Gettis
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 5/9/2024

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S PROVISION OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

THIS LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, hereinafter "COUNTY", a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of its Sheriff's Office, hereinafter "SHERIFF", and the PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district, located in Riverside County, hereinafter "DISTRICT", sometimes collectively referred to as the "parties" and individually as a "party".

WHEREAS, SHERIFF and DISTRICT have identified a need to provide additional law enforcement among DISTRICT's school sites; and

WHEREAS, SHERIFF and DISTRICT share common goals that include providing support for the education process by implementing a school community policing approach within DISTRICT's jurisdiction that addresses school crime and safety issues and focuses on the needs of students at risk; and

WHEREAS, SHERIFF and DISTRICT desire to work cooperatively in this school community policing approach by entering into this Agreement to place Deputy Sheriff(s) as School Resource Officer(s), hereinafter referred to as SRO or SROs, on the DISTRICT campuses as needed to assist in the teaching of police science classes and to be a visual deterrent to aberrant behavior and thereby enhance DISTRICT's campus control and student protection;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. TERM This Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, unless sooner terminated as provided in Paragraph 8.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. SHERIFF agrees to provide one (1) SRO, who will be assigned to the DISTRICT campuses as follows: one SRO to Palo Verde High School and may need to respond to other schools within Palo Verde Unified School District (PVUSD) for law enforcement matters occurring on school grounds during school hours (Felix J. Appleby Elementary, Margaret White Elementary, Ruth Brown Elementary, and Twin Palms Continuation School). The duties of the SRO shall include provision of class presentations on relevant law enforcement issues, patrol of school campuses, investigation of crimes, maintenance of order on campuses, counseling of students and their parents, and serving as liaisons at school sites. Incidents deemed to be not school related, will fall under the law enforcement agency who has jurisdiction where the incident occurred. The SRO will also serve as a liaison between the educators employed by DISTRICT, the School Attendance Review Boards (S.A.R.B.), the Probation Department and other law enforcement officials, and perform other related duties. It is understood that the SRO will be assigned to DISTRICT on a full-time basis throughout the school year.

B. DISTRICT agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of SHERIFF necessary to the performance of SRO's duties under this Agreement. DISTRICT agrees to furnish office space for use by the SRO while performing the above-described services.

3. MODIFICATION OF SERVICES No portion of the services or responsibilities of either party described in this Agreement may be eliminated, reduced, or appreciably changed without the mutual written consent of both parties.

4. COMPENSATION DISTRICT shall reimburse SHERIFF the full cost of rendering service pursuant to this Agreement. Such cost of services shall be established by the County Board of Supervisors in the form of an hourly rate for an SRO and a mileage rate, and shall include all items of cost and expense to the SHERIFF for providing the services hereunder. Total cost to DISTRICT under this Agreement is estimated to be \$393,000. SHERIFF has based this cost estimate on a projection of service hours and mileage for FY 2024-26 and anticipated contract rate adjustments. Payment for services shall be rendered on a monthly basis upon receipt by DISTRICT of a proper invoice submitted by SHERIFF. DISTRICT will notify COUNTY prior to February of each year of any reduction of services necessary due to lack of funding.

5. VACATION AND HOLIDAY TIME SRO's vacation time shall not conflict with the schedule of duties mutually developed by DISTRICT and SHERIFF. Because DISTRICT and SHERIFF holidays may not correspond, holiday time will be taken by the SRO in accordance with DISTRICT holidays during the contract period. The excess days shall be taken with reasonable notice to DISTRICT but shall not conflict with the schedule of duties mutually developed by DISTRICT and SHERIFF.

6. ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION SHERIFF (or designee) shall administer this Agreement and supervise the SRO on behalf of the County of Riverside. The Superintendent of DISTRICT (or designee) shall administer this Agreement on behalf of DISTRICT.

7. COUNTY EMPLOYEE SRO shall remain an employee of SHERIFF on special assignment to DISTRICT for the purposes set forth in this Agreement, and shall not be considered an agent, employee, or deputy of DISTRICT.

8. TERMINATION Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination, DISTRICT shall pay for services actually rendered through the termination date only.

9. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. DISTRICT shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives from any liability, claim, damage or action whatsoever, based or asserted upon any act or omission of

DISTRICT, its officers, employees, contractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death. DISTRICT shall defend, at its sole cost and expense, including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the COUNTY, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives in any such action or claim. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by DISTRICT, DISTRICT shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes DISTRICT 's indemnification of COUNTY. DISTRICT 's obligations hereunder shall be satisfied when DISTRICT has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal (or similar document) relieving the DISTRICT from any liability for the action or claim involved. Any insurance coverage shall in no way limit or circumscribe DISTRICT 's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY.

B. COUNTY shall indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives from any liability, claim, damage or action whatsoever, based or asserted upon any act or omission of COUNTY, its officers, employees, contractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death. COUNTY shall defend, at its sole cost and expense, including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the DISTRICT, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives in any such action or claim. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by COUNTY, COUNTY shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of DISTRICT; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes COUNTY's indemnification of DISTRICT. COUNTY's obligations hereunder shall be satisfied when COUNTY has provided to DISTRICT the appropriate form of dismissal (or similar document) relieving the DISTRICT from any liability for the action or claim involved. Any insurance coverage shall in no way limit or circumscribe COUNTY's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT.

10. ASSIGNMENT Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations under this Agreement may be assigned by DISTRICT without prior written consent of SHERIFF.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT This Agreement supersedes any and all agreements, either oral or written, between the parties, and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Each party acknowledges that no other agreement, understanding or promise, oral or otherwise, relative to this subject matter exists between the parties at the time of execution of this Agreement. Any modification of this Agreement shall be effective only if it is in writing and signed by both parties.

12. NOTICES Any notice required or desired to be served by either party upon the other shall be addressed to the respective parties as set forth below:

Sheriff
Chad Bianco, Sheriff
Riverside County Sheriff's Office
Post Office Box 512
Riverside, California 92502

District
Palo Verde Unified School District
825 N. Lovekin Blvd.
Blythe, California 92225
Attn.: Superintendent

An information copy of any notice to Sheriff shall also be sent to:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, California 92501

13. WAIVER Any waiver by SHERIFF of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term thereof. Failure on the part of SHERIFF to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any term of this Agreement shall not be construed in any manner as changing the terms hereof, or estopping SHERIFF from enforcement hereof.

14. SEVERABILITY If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

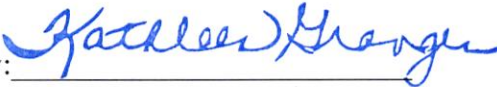
15. ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL SIGNATURES This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument. Each party of this Agreement agrees to the use of electronic signatures, such as digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("CUETA") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), for executing this Agreement. The parties further agree that the electronic signatures of the parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to the CUETA as amended from time to time. The CUETA authorizes use of an electronic signature for transactions and contracts among parties in California, including a government agency. Digital signature means an electronic identifier, created by computer, intended by the party using it to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature, and shall be reasonably relied upon by the parties. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto have signed in confirmation of this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: 4-16-24

By: 
Kathleen Granger, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent

ATTEST:

Name: Lois Shaffer
Title: Director of D.A.A.

By: 

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dated: _____

By: _____
Chuck Washington
Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Kimberly Rector
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Minh C. Tran
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Amrit P. Dhillon
Deputy County Counsel

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By: *L Shaffer*

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dated: 5/21/2024

By: *Chuck Washington*
Chuck Washington
Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Kimberly Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: *Naomy Li*
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Minh C. Tran
County Counsel

By: *[Signature]*
Amrit P. Dhillon
Deputy County Counsel