



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
January 7, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Reimbursement Agreement with Downtown Sacramento Partnership for  
Community Prosecution Program Services

**Location/Council District:** Citywide.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a reimbursement agreement with the Downtown Sacramento Partnership for the Community Prosecution Program services for a one year term with option to renew up to three additional years.

**Contact:** Patti Bisharat, Government Affairs Manager, 808-8197

**Department:** City Manager's Office

**Organization No:** 0310

**Description/Analysis:**

**Issue:** In February 2006, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sacramento District Attorney's Office to provide Community Prosecution Program services in the downtown area including Old Sacramento. This program is a collaborative partnership between the Downtown Sacramento Partnership, Regional Transit and the City of Sacramento. The Downtown Sacramento Partnership is now the primary contractor with the District Attorney for this program with funding support from Regional Transit and the City. Staff is recommending continuing support of the program under a reimbursement agreement with the Downtown Sacramento Partnership for one year with the option to renew for an additional three years.

**Policy Considerations:** The program concept focuses on targeted geographic areas and involves proactive, collaborative partnerships between the prosecutor's office, law enforcement, the community, public entities and private organizations. The Downtown program provides for using the authority of the District Attorney's Office to solve problems, support public safety and economic development efforts in improving the downtown environment. This program is strongly supported by the Police Department and the Economic Development Department.

**Environmental Considerations:** Not Applicable

**Sustainability:** Not Applicable.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** This program is successful in leveraging resources among partners to address problem issues. The Community Prosecution Program is a vital component in the economic development and revitalization of downtown and the surrounding areas.

**Financial Considerations:**

The cost of the Community Prosecution Program is based on the direct cost of services of the District Attorney's Office. The cost for calendar year 2010 is \$207,170. The City's portion of the cost is \$70,406 (34%). Regional Transit's portion is \$38,588 (18.6%) and the Downtown Sacramento Partnership portion is \$98,176 (47.4%). The City's portion is funded from the General Fund including non-departmental, the Police Department and Economic Development. Under the reimbursement agreement, future year increases are capped at 5% based on cost increases incurred by the District Attorney.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Patti Bisharat  
Director of Governmental Affairs

Recommendation Approved:


  
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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## **Background Information**

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Community Prosecution Program began in 2000-01. The program focuses on targeted geographic areas and involves proactive, collaborative partnerships between the prosecutor's office, law enforcement, the community, public entities and private organizations. The authority of the District Attorney's Office is used to solve problems, provide public safety and enhance the quality of life in the areas where Community Prosecutors are assigned. This approach has proven successful in other areas as a way to leverage resources amongst interested partners to address problem issues.

In February 2006, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to provide Community Prosecution Services. Under the program, a Community Prosecutor is exclusively assigned to work closely with partners, law enforcement and business to address issues in a targeted geographic area. Approaches are customized depending on the geographic area, demographics, types of crime, etc. The partners in the pilot effort include the Downtown Partnership, Regional Transit and the City of Sacramento.

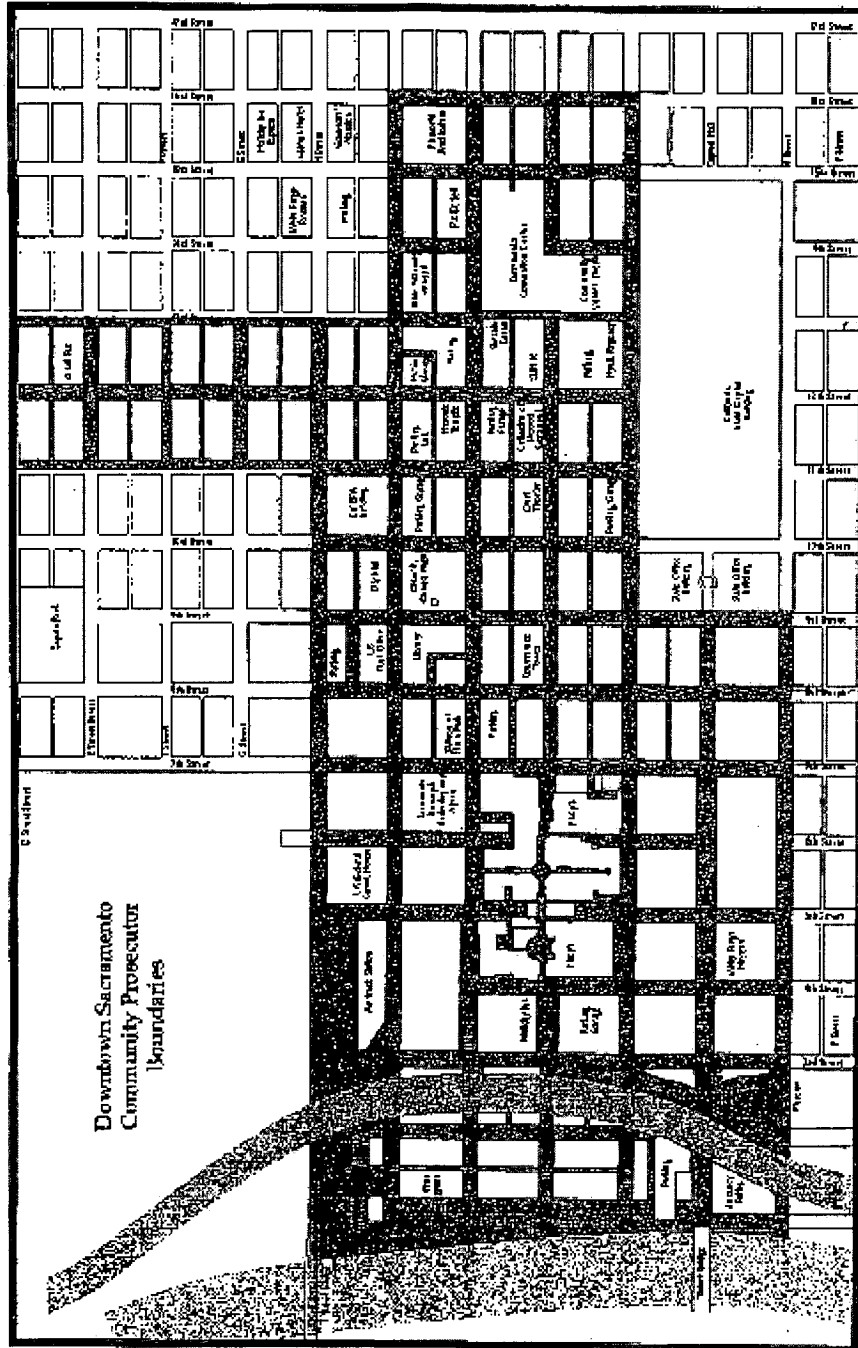
The program has proven to be an effective way of leveraging funds to provide important support to public safety and economic efforts in the downtown area. The geographic area covered under the program includes Old Sacramento: Front Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street between H and N Streets; 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street between I Street to L Street; and 11<sup>th</sup> street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street between D Street and H Street. A map of the area is included as Attachment 1 of this report.

The Downtown Community Prosecutor assigned to the program identifies law enforcement solutions specific to the Central City. The Community Prosecutor, a District Attorney, works with businesses, property owners, social services, law enforcement, and community organizations to identify and implement broader solutions to nuisance crimes.

One of its primary programs, the Serial Inebriate Program (SIP), a partnership with the District Attorney's office and the Downtown Community Prosecutor, has successfully reduced the number of individuals who are repeatedly cited for public inebriation within the Downtown District. The program focuses on individuals who have been admitted to Sacramento County Jail or the Chronic Alcoholism Treatment Center (CATC) a significant number of times in the previous 12 months. Annual statistics confirm a continued reduction of serial inebriates in the downtown area year after year. In 2009, number of individuals decreased by 15%.

According to the Police Department, the program has significantly impacted a variety of crime and nuisance related issues in the targeted area. Over the past few years, the partnership between the Police Department, businesses, and the Community Prosecutor has dramatically reduced the number of serial inebriates that congregate in the target area, increased the penalties imposed by the courts on subjects arrested

through vigorous investigation and prosecution, and reduced the number of recidivists that return to the target area. Without question this partnership has improved the quality of life for those who live and work in the in the area.



**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Approve Reimbursement Agreement with the  
Downtown Sacramento Partnership for  
Downtown Community Prosecution Program Services

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City Council approved the establishment of a Downtown Community Prosecution Program in 2006 to facilitate cooperative efforts for prosecution of city code violations within certain geographic boundaries in the downtown including Old Sacramento.
- B. A collaborative partnership including the Downtown Partnership, Regional Transit, and the City of Sacramento provides funding for the Community Prosecution Program.
- C. The program has proven to be successful in reducing crime and increasing prosecution using the authority of the District Attorney's Office to solve problems, provide public safety and enhance the downtown area.
- D. The program supports the efforts of public safety and economic development to revitalize the downtown area.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the Downtown Sacramento Partnership to provide Community Prosecution Program Services in the downtown area for a one year term with option to renew for up to three additional years.