



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT
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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento County
District Attorney's Office for Downtown Community Prosecution Program
Services

Location/Council District:
Citywide.

Recommendation:

This report recommends that the Mayor/City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to provide Community Prosecution Program Services in the downtown area.

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Department: City Manager's Office

Organization No: 0310

Summary:

Staff is recommending that the City Manager be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to implement a Community Prosecution pilot program focused on the downtown area.

Committee/Commission Action:

None.

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.

This report recommends that the Mayor/City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office for a Community Prosecution pilot program in the downtown area. 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 this pilot effort include the Downtown Partnership, Regional Transit, the District Attorney's Office and the City of Sacramento.

The pilot program would be for three years and focus on the downtown area including Old Sacramento. A map showing the boundaries of the area is included as Attachment 1. Annual cost for the program of \$160,000 would be split between the partners as follows: Downtown Partnership \$80,000 (50%); Regional Transit \$25,000 (15.6%); Sacramento District Attorney's Office \$20,000 (12.5%); City of Sacramento \$35,000 (21.9%).

The program partners are working collaboratively to identify a storefront location to serve as office space for the community prosecutor. Being located in the downtown would allow for greater interaction and collaboration with POP officers and the bike patrol. City staff is evaluating currently vacant lease space as a temporary location. Limited city space may be available on K Street between 3rd and 4th without compromising the lease potential for the location. However, should there be tenant interest in the space, an alternative location would be found for the community prosecutor. The Downtown Partnership would fund any utilities and custodial costs.

This program will be evaluated during the three-year program to determine its success and the benefit for continuing it beyond the initial period. Staff would report to the Mayor/City Council at that time with a recommended action.

Financial Considerations:

The City's portion of the cost for the downtown Community Prosecution pilot program is \$35,000 a year for three years. Funding to support the City's portion of the pilot program will be allocated from the General Fund Administrative Contingency.

Environmental Considerations:


None.

Policy Considerations:

Partnering with other agencies to leverage resources and improve the downtown is consistent with past Council action and direction.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Patti Bisharat
Government Affairs Manager

Recommendation Approved:

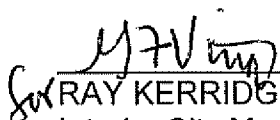

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