



# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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August 7, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Adoption of a Resolution Approving a One-Year Agreement with the Pomona Unified School District to Continue and Mutually Fund the Community School Resource Officer (CSRO) Program**

## OVERVIEW

**Recommendation** – That the City Council adopt a resolution:

- 1) Approving a one-year agreement with the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) to continue the CSRO program and \$173,000 in City funding; and,
- 2) Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreements on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

**Fiscal Impact** – The fiscal impact of providing school resource officers is \$346,000, which consists of the full salary and benefit cost for (2) Police Officer positions, and is included in the FY 2017-18 adopted budget. Funding for these services is from two sources. The PUSD will pay \$173,000 toward funding the one-year agreement; the balance of \$173,000 will be paid from the General Fund.

**Previous Council Action** – The City Council approved a one-year agreement with PUSD to continue the CSRO program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 on June 20, 2016.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Given approval of this agreement, the City of Pomona and PUSD will be able to provide the necessary funding to continue the CSRO program as currently deployed in High Schools and Feeder schools, with (2) CSRO Police Officers for one additional fiscal year through June 30, 2018.

## **DISCUSSION**

On December 6, 2004, the City Council accepted the U.S. Department of Justice COPS in Schools (CIS) three-year grant award. The CIS grant program provided funding to local law enforcement agencies to work in partnership with local school districts to establish a Community School Resource Officer (CSRO) program. This type of collaborative effort relies on community policing strategies to prevent school violence while implementing educational programs to improve student and school safety. In this capacity, CSROs serve in an assortment of roles, “including law enforcement officer, law-related educator, problem-solver and community liaison.”

As part of the CIS grant's terms and conditions, the City of Pomona and PUSD agreed to continue/retain the CSRO program for one full fiscal year after the three-year grant period ended on February 29, 2008. Subsequently, the City and PUSD have reached an agreement to continue to jointly fund the CSRO program during the 2017-18 fiscal year. Due to continued fiscal constraints for both the City and PUSD, funding/staffing for the CSRO program will continue to operate with (2) Police Officers.

The Pomona Police Department and PUSD have an extensive history of working together to identify and address the “root causes” of juvenile crime, delinquency and gang involvement. In furtherance of such on-going partnership efforts, the Pomona Police Department and PUSD have agreed to continue the CSRO program in order to provide on-going education to prevent school violence and to enhance safety in and around school campuses, utilize gang related policing, crime prevention and investigations.

The CSRO program has been widely successful in elementary, middle school and high school campuses, where it has been well received by students and praised by parents and school faculty alike. Approval of the new CSRO Agreement will continue to build upon and enhance this type of educational experience for students attending PUSD campuses.

While improving safety within schools is a primary objective, the CSRO program will continue to focus crime fighting efforts on neighborhoods and other areas adjacent to school campuses as part of its overall goal to reduce juvenile crime and involvement with drugs, alcohol and gangs. To help ensure that optimum results are achieved, the Police Department and CSROs will continue to coordinate and participate with other related PUSD partnership programs such as school truancy, parenting skills and after-school youth programs. Additionally, the CSROs will coordinate the scheduling of the Cops-for-Kids program to provide the most complete coverage possible for the middle and high school cluster campuses.

The proposed Agreement is for a one-year period, beginning July 1, 2017, and will fund the full salary and benefits cost for (2) full-time CSRO Police Officers. The officers assigned to the CSRO program will be required to “spend a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of their time allocated to the performance of services under this Agreement in and around the middle and high school campuses or assigned cluster area schools.” The direct labor cost expenses to continue the

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CSRO program will be evenly divided between the City and PUSD, with PUSD funding \$173,000 of the cost, as approved by the PUSD Board on June 14, 2017, and the City paying the remaining balance of \$173,000.

Attachment 1: Resolution