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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

ATTENTION: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager

FROM: Joel Hockman, Director of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve Agreement File No. 51.48-3 with County of Los Angeles Probation Department to continue providing a Prevention and Intervention Program (PIP).

DATE: June 27, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City has maintained a longstanding partnership with the County of Los Angeles Probation Department for the services of a dedicated probation officer. The terms of the proposed agreement do not vary from those of recent years and maintains the level of service at 50 percent (50%) of a full-time officer.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Approval Agreement File No. 51.48-3; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual cost for 50% of a full-time probation officer is \$82,000. This represents a 6.5% increase from last year. The increase is primarily due to Board approved salary increases. A 3% raise was given at the beginning of the fiscal year (after the contract rate was already set for the year), and another 3% is scheduled to be given in July of this year. The remaining increase is attributed to employee benefit rate and overhead rate increases. This contract is paid for with Measure P funds.

DISCUSSION

The City of Bellflower's Community Policing Plan continues to benefit from the services of a dedicated probation officer. The ability for Sheriff's deputies to contact a probation officer when they are detaining an offending probationer greatly extends their available search and enforcement options. Even when the City's probation officer is not working in Bellflower, he is usually available by phone to assist inquiring Bellflower deputies. This effectively increases the service value of the officer beyond the 50% contracted rate that the City is required to pay.

ATTACHMENT

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