



staff report

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 authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year extension to Agreement File No. 51.24-1, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) Deputy District Attorney Services.

DATE: August 8, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City has maintained a longstanding partnership with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for the services of a dedicated Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) District Attorney (DA). The terms of the proposed agreement extension do not vary from those of recent years.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year extension to Agreement File No. 51.24-1 in a form approved by the City Attorney; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual cost for a full-time SAGE DA III is estimated to be \$233,329. This represents a 4.9% increase from last year. Although our existing Deputy District Attorney (Georgina Ruiz) is considered a DA IV level, we continue to be billed at the lower DA III rate each year based on a prior discounted arrangement.

BACKGROUND

The City of Bellflower’s Community Policing Plan benefits from the services of a SAGE DA. The ability to work with rental property owners to evict problem tenants has been a valuable tool; especially when prisons and jails are not supporting “meaningful” sentences. Our SAGE DA also serves as a City advocate in court during the processing of cases of which the City has particular concern.

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER - LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGREEMENT
STRATEGIES AGAINST GANG ENVIRONMENTS (SAGE) PROGRAM
ONE-YEAR EXTENSION
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**

The Agreement between the City of Bellflower (City) and the County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (DA) was executed on July 9, 2012, for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The DA's Office provides one Deputy District Attorney (DDA) to implement SAGE Program services within the City.

Section 2.0 of the Agreement allows the services to be extended annually for up to four additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of both parties. It is the intention of both parties to exercise the fourth option and extend the Agreement for the period covering July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The cost for services provided by this Agreement, as stated in section 5.0, is limited to the actual salary and employee benefits (EB) rate, including any increases, approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for District Attorney staff. The enclosed budget reflects the current salary, bar dues and employee benefits rate in effect for the current fiscal year 2015-16. The one-year extension cost is estimated to be \$233,329. This estimated amount will be payable by the City to the DA for the services of one DDA who will continue the SAGE Program in the City as specified in the current Agreement.

The Honorable Mayor of Bellflower and the District Attorney authorize the extension of the Agreement between the City of Bellflower and the County of Los Angeles for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as indicated by the authorized signatures below.

**Dan Koops, Mayor
City of Bellflower**

**Jackie Lacey, District Attorney
County of Los Angeles**

Date

Date

ESTIMATED BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL

S.A.G.E. (CITY OF BELLFLOWER) 07/01/16 - 06/30/17

COST

Employee Salaries

	Month	Time Base	Monthly Rate	Total
1 Deputy District Attorney IV	3	100%	14,369.18	43,108
(Georgina Ruiz)	9	100%	14,800.73	133,207
			<i>*Adjusted for DDA III rate</i>	<i>(27,238)</i>
				<u>149,077</u>

\$ 149,077

Employee Benefits**

	Month	Time Base	Monthly Rate	Total
1 Deputy District Attorney IV	3	56.261%	14,369.18	24,253
(Georgina Ruiz)	9	56.261%	14,800.73	74,943
			<i>*Adjusted for DDA III rate</i>	<i>(15,324)</i>
				<u>83,872</u>

\$ 83,872

Total Salaries and Benefits

\$ 232,949

Indirect Costs*

	Month	Time Base	Monthly Rate	Total
1 Deputy District Attorney IV	3	39.312%	14,369.18	16,946
(Georgina Ruiz)	9	39.312%	14,800.73	52,366
			<i>*Adjustment for Indirect Costs</i>	<i>(69,312)</i>
				<u>0</u>

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California State Bar Dues

	Annual Dues
1 Deputy District Attorney IV	380.00
(Georgina Ruiz)	

\$ 380

Total Indirect Costs and Others

\$ 380

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

345,203

NET COUNTY COST

(111,874)

NET PROGRAM COST

233,329

Note:

* Richard Burns made an agreement with the City of Bellflower that although DDA IV is actually assigned in the program, we will only charge the city at the rate of DDA III without Indirect Cost.

** Based on FY 2015-16 Auditor-Controller approved rate and subject to change upon Auditor-Controller approved FY 2016-17 rate.

NET PROGRAM COST

\$ 233,329