



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 11, 2017

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Community/Support Services Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Increase Contract For Professional Services For Polygraphs For Police Department Personnel

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Chief of Police to execute an increase of \$10,000 in the professional services agreement with polygraph examiner Joe Delia, bringing the total cost of a three-year agreement from \$45,000 to \$55,000 to cover the cost of performing polygraph tests for potential Police Department personnel through June 30, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

As part of the hiring process at the Santa Barbara Police Department, when an applicant is selected to move forward in the hiring process, the individual is required to submit to a polygraph examination. Previously, the Police Department had a full-time employee trained to administer the polygraph examinations. The employee retired in 2014 and since that time, the Department has used the services of Mr. Delia to complete the required polygraphs. The Police Department needs to increase the scope of the agreement to cover approximately 40 polygraphs for services through June 30, 2017.

While having a staff person available to conduct polygraphs was convenient, using an outside service eliminates the need for the department to maintain and purchase expensive polygraph equipment as well as the need to send staff to required training. Mr. Delia's service has been timely and comprehensive and has provided the department with quality results.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are funds available in the Fiscal Year 2017 Police Department budget to cover this expense.

A copy of the amended agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk's Office.

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