



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 28, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patrol Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: Police Department/Downtown Organization Hourly Foot Patrol Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept a \$20,000 contribution to the Police Department Tactical Patrol Force Program from the Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara, Inc.

DISCUSSION:

On June 17, 2008, the Santa Barbara City Council established a three member Council Subcommittee, Chair Iya Falcone, Dale Francisco and Helene Schneider, to study issues related to homeless services and neighborhood impacts. This committee was charged with making recommendations to the full Council, with input from community members, on strategies to provide a more efficient coordination of services for the homeless and to mitigate the effects homeless criminal activity.

On February 24, 2009, the City Council adopted a twelve point plan recommended by the City Subcommittee. Recommendation #3, in part, was to continue to utilize Police Department deployment strategies to best meet the immediate demands of the community, and specifically to explore the possibility with the Downtown Organization of their funding half of a part-time retired police officer to patrol State Street.

The Santa Barbara Police Department and the Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara, Inc. have agreed to fund the deployment of an increased police patrol in the State Street downtown business district. The geographical coverage area consists of an 18 city block area from Gutierrez Street to Victoria Street and from Chapala Street to Anacapa Street. (See attached map marked exhibit A.) The assigned officer will be responsible for visible foot patrol and enforcement efforts in the prescribed downtown zone. The assigned officer will work a schedule that meets the needs of the City and which would also meet the needs of the downtown business district. In the case of an emergency situation or to conduct an investigation that would impact the downtown business district the assigned officer would be able to occasionally respond outside the pre-designated geographical area. The assigned officer would be supervised by the

Police Department and would work a maximum of 960 hours in a fiscal year. Although the position will be funded mutually through a contribution from the downtown parking fund and a contribution from the Downtown Organization, the deployment and supervisory control of the Officer(s) shall rest exclusively with the Santa Barbara Police Department.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara, Inc. will provide \$20,000, reimbursed to the Police Department on a monthly basis and the Downtown Parking Fund will provide a matching amount of \$20,000 for a total of \$40,000 to fund the position for the 2010 fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT: MAP

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

