



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** June 25, 2024

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** City Manager's Office

**TITLE:** **Revised Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Animal Services with Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a revised Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for animal services with Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority as a participating member agency.

## **BACKGROUND**

A stated goal of the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) is to reduce member agency costs by considering the addition of new member agencies. SVACA staff was approached by the Town of Los Gatos (Los Gatos) regarding the possibility of joining SVACA. On April 16, 2024, the Los Gatos Town Council unanimously approved the staff recommendation to negotiate with SVACA to become a member of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

SVACA staff concluded that no additional staffing would need to be added and the center will be able to handle the additional animals without the need for expansion. On May 22, 2024, the SVACA Joint Powers Authority Board approved a recommendation from the SVACA Executive Director for the consideration of adding Los Gatos as a participating member agency of the JPA for animal services.

Los Gatos desires to begin receiving services on July 1, 2024, and SVACA staff believes this can be accomplished through a transitional agreement with Los Gatos until the existing members can approve the amended JPA at their council meetings.

## **ANALYSIS**

SVACA staff has estimated service level results for Los Gatos based on their current provider's lower level of field and shelter services. Since the Los Gatos figures are estimated, SVACA staff recommends reevaluating the data from Los Gatos in four years and resetting service levels as appropriate, as was done when Mountain View joined SVACA.

SVACA’s operating costs are based on formulas which consider the jurisdiction’s population, square miles, calls for service, shelter utilization, and a proportionate share of administration expenses. With the addition of Los Gatos, all current member percentages would be reduced at various amounts based on the applicable formula for each jurisdiction. In total, member contributions would decrease by \$272,471, or 12.6%. Also, with the addition of Los Gatos as a participating member, estimated revenue (charges for services) is projected to increase by \$45,000 (\$35,000 in licensing fees and \$10,000 in program fees), which is partially offset by an increase in estimated expenses of \$12,000, resulting in an overall net operating savings of \$33,000. The \$33,000 savings, coupled with the contribution from Los Gatos of \$239,471, results in an overall savings to current members of \$272,471. Table 1 displays the contribution percentages and Table 2 the member agency operating budget contribution amounts.

**Table 1: Contribution Percentage**

Member	Current	With Los Gatos
Campbell	16.4%	12.9%
Los Gatos	—	11.3%
Mountain View	25.5%	21.0%
Monte Sereno	1.6%	1.5%
Santa Clara	56.5%	53.3%

**Table 2: Operating Budget Contribution Amounts**

Member	2024-25 Current	2024-25 with Los Gatos	Member Savings	Percent Decrease
Campbell	\$ 353,685	\$ 274,750	\$ 78,935	22.3%
Los Gatos	-	239,471	N/A	N/A
Mountain View	549,769	445,273	104,496	19%
Monte Sereno	35,318	32,458	2,860	8%
Santa Clara	1,219,161	1,132,981	86,180	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,157,933</b>	<b>\$2,124,933</b>	<b>\$272,471</b>	

In addition, as part of the revised SVACA JPA agreement for all participating member agencies, Los Gatos would be required to make an initial contribution of \$100,000 to offset the addition of a new animal rescue vehicle shared by all participating member agencies as well as miscellaneous transitional costs.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact of the revised JPA will be a reduction in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget amount for the City's contribution to SVACA.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Revised Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA)