



DATE: October 13, 2020

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Police

TITLE: **Police Department Participation in the Regional Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT)**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Department and the Regional Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT).

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Mountain View has been participating in the REACT task force, which focuses on computer-related crimes, since 1999. These high-tech crimes include network intrusion, money laundering, piracy, intellectual property crimes, and fraud. REACT provides an exceptional opportunity for Officers to gain training and experience that would not be available if the Police Department did not participate in the task force. More importantly, REACT provides investigative services and resources to our community which significantly increase the Police Department's abilities to solve computer-related crimes and bring suspects to justice.

In order to continue participating in the task force, it is necessary to execute an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is an agreement between the Santa Clara County Office of the District Attorney and the Participating Agencies of REACT. The MOU includes terms related to the mission of REACT, administrative responsibilities, personnel, including the assignment of staff from the participating agencies, information management, facilities and equipment, and other matters pertinent to the operation of the task force. As noted below, the City of Mountain View assigns one Police Officer to the REACT task force.

FISCAL IMPACT

One Police Officer would continue to be assigned to the REACT task force at an approximate annual cost of \$310,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The City also expects to

receive approximately \$120,000 in annual revenues from the County related to this program.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Discontinue the Police Department's participation in REACT.
2. Provide other direction.

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