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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

First I want to applaud the PSAB for putting together a comprehensive set of well thought out recommendations. To me the problem at hand was to evaluate a program established in the sixties through today's (hopefully) more evolved societal views.

The main challenge PSAB ran into is that it's impossible to evaluate anything as ill defined as the Mountain View SRO program.

I urge the City Council to approve PSAB's recommendations so that MOU and metrics can be implemented as soon as possible.

I also urge the City Council to set regular public reviews (quarterly) of the metrics by the PSAB and a formal review of the SRO program by the PSAB within a year's time.

That formal review will be informed by the new MOU and data collected throughout a year. That review should inform the City on the efficacy of this 1+M dollar program for the benefit of only half the Mountain View students in public high schools (since the program doesn't cover LAHS). Review should include a comparison with Los Altos High School (school climate, misc. metrics...) which no longer has an SRO program.

In my opinion, the full review should answer these questions:

- should we continue at MVHS a program not offered at LAHS?
- If beneficial, should we look at offering the program without badged/armed officers so that it can be extended to LAHS?
- if the program at MVHS doesn't provide substantial value over LAHS' non-program, should we simply grant the money to the school districts -or better yet, provide them with a greater and fairer share of the Shoreline Special Tax District fund- ?

Sincerely

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