



**DATE:** May 2, 2017

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Police

**TITLE:** **Intergovernmental Agreement  
Regarding Participation in the Santa  
Clara County Gang Task Force**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding allowing participation in the Santa Clara County Gang Task Force.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Mountain View has participated in the Santa Clara County Gang Task Force (SCCGTF) for several years. The mission of the SCCGTF is to collaboratively enable peace officers from participating agencies to proactively and jointly address gang violence and other significant crimes in Santa Clara County, and to increase public safety in Mountain View. The collaborative efforts reduce violent gang activity, increase communication amongst the Santa Clara County agencies, and develop evidence to successfully prosecute gang members and their associates. Other participating agencies include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the U.S. Marshals; the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); the police departments of Campbell, Los Altos, Palo Alto, San Jose, Morgan Hill, Sunnyvale, Gilroy, Milpitas, San Jose State University, and Santa Clara; the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department; and the Santa Clara County Probation Department. A Memorandum of Understanding outlines the rules and responsibilities of each of the participating agencies.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Memorandum of Understanding governs the City's continued participation in this Task Force. The City has been participating in this Task Force since 2012. The SCCGTF began as the North County Gang Task Force in 2012 with its first operation in October 2012. The Task Force expanded to encompass central and south counties and became the Santa Clara County Gang Task Force in 2014. The MOU remains in effect until the task force is terminated. However, the City can terminate its participation in the task

force upon 30 days' written notice. Task Force participation provides a regional solution for reducing crime problems, like gang violence, that commonly cross cities' borders. Member agencies contribute officers on an as-needed basis that, in turn, multiply resources committed to more complex cases, working seamlessly across jurisdictions to maximize effectiveness. The Task Force also provides a resource to the City when additional officers are needed to address a crime problem specific to Mountain View. The Task Force provides unique training and experience that Mountain View Police Officers use in the performance of their duties when working in the City of Mountain View.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact for participation. Task Force participation is included in the budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Council could decline to approve this request and direct the Police Department not to participate in SCCGTF.

### **PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. 2017 Santa Clara County Gang Task Force Memorandum of Understanding