

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: SHERIFF - AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS WITH CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND CITY OF ESCONDIDO FOR CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SUPPORT POSITIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) is a statewide system that provides local law enforcement agencies with direct access to local, state, and federal automated fingerprint, palm print, photo systems and databases. This statewide system allows for the rapid identification of persons booked into detention facilities and latent prints lifted from crime scenes. The Sheriff's Department serves as San Diego County's Cal-ID/RAN administrator.

The San Diego County Cal-ID/RAN Board is a regional policy and advisory board responsible for making recommendations since 2007 for a program to employ staff in crime laboratories across the region and identify suspects. To ensure the continued success of the program, there is a need to continue to provide funding for staff at the Chula Vista Police Department and Escondido Police Department crime laboratories.

Today's request seeks approval to authorize agreements between the County of San Diego by and through the San Diego Sheriff's Department and the cities of Chula Vista and Escondido to provide funding annually from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund to the cities for Cal-ID support positions. The term of the agreements is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with automatic annual renewals up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Authorize the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Chula Vista to provide an estimated \$139,349 in annual funding for one full-time Latent Print Examiner position based on revenue from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with automatic annual renewals up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2027, and to amend the MOA as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute a MOA with the City of Escondido to provide an estimated \$110,117 annually for one full-time Latent Print Specialist position based on revenue from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with automatic annual renewals up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2027, and to amend the MOA as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Offender identification is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. Latent print experts are a crucial component to effectively collecting latent prints from crime scenes. The Sheriff's Department as San Diego County's California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) administrator is requesting the funding of

these latent print examiner/specialist positions in order to provide the regional support approved by the San Diego County Cal-ID/RAN Board. Providing these staff positions at the regional crime laboratories ensures fair and equitable criminal justice system services regardless of the location of the crime within the County. These positions assist in processing crime scenes and collecting identifiable prints that are a step in achieving accountability. Victim access to objective forensic science support without bias is a critical component of the justice system. Continuing to provide funding for these positions is essential to ensuring that all citizens can feel safe in their communities.

In 2021, latent print experts in the cities of Chula Vista and Escondido objectively made over 269 identifications that allowed for case closure. These identifications were not just limited to offenders, but also included victims or potentially anyone related to the case. In performing their duties, latent print experts give unbiased results based on objective data (the fingerprints), without knowledge of demographic information available during the process. This adds a layer of impartiality, which is crucial to deliver fairness in the justice system.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, these requests will result in Fiscal Year 2022-23 estimated costs and revenue of \$249,466. Funds for these requests will be included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund. Costs through the contract term, estimated at \$249,466 annually, will be included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Department. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter



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