



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Graffiti Abatement Services

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an agreement for graffiti abatement between the City of Merced and Paul Creighton of Environmental Compliance Resources (ECR) for 1 year.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving a one year agreement with ECR for graffiti abatement services and authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute all the necessary documents.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff, or
2. Approve, subject to modifications (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in City Council motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer back to staff for reconsideration of specific items as requested by Council; or,
5. Continue item to a future Council meeting (date and time to be specified in motion).

### AUTHORITY

Section 200, et seq. of the Merced City Charter.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

### DISCUSSION

In September 2010, staff solicited for graffiti abatement services with six local companies and received two proposals for consideration. After an extensive evaluation of the two proposals, the Council awarded a contract to Environmental Compliance Resources (ECR). Since this time, ECR has been providing graffiti abatement services to the City of Merced. Their current contract expired July 1, 2017. Staff is requesting the Council award a one-year contract to allow for services to continue while a new Request for Proposals is completed.

Since ECR has been providing graffiti abatement services for the City, graffiti sightings have reduced while concealment of this type of blight has increased significantly. The contractor is well aware of problem areas and responds to calls for service from City staff and the public immediately. He has

developed a good working relationship with Code Enforcement, Merced Police Department, and the public. By approving this contract, ECR will to continue to provide graffiti abatement services to the City at the present rate. The current rate is \$172,485 dollars per year, paid in monthly installments of \$14,373.75. There is not a rate increase for ECR's services from the prior contract.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

No appropriation of funds is needed. Funding is available in the fiscal year 2017-18 approved budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Contract
2. Insurance certificate