



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Addendum to the Existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Merced and Merced Union High School District (MUHSD) for Police Services in the District's Four (4) High Schools for a Term of Three Years, Fiscal Year 2019 - 2022, with an Option to Extend the Term for One Additional Year

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests council approval of an addendum to the existing MOU between Merced Union High School District and the City of Merced temporarily reducing Police Services at the District's four (4) high schools.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving the addendum to the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Merced and Merced Union High School District to provide police services in the District's four high schools; and,
- B. Authorizing the City Manager or the Assistant City Manager to execute the agreement; and,
- C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

### ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
- 2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff; or,
- 3. Deny; or,
- 4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
- 5. Continue to a future City Council meeting.

### AUTHORITY:

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Council Requested Projects - High School District - School Resource Officers.

### DISCUSSION

Due to the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic California Gov. Newsom has required distance learning. Students will not be allowed to attend classes on campus for a period of time during the

existing MOU between the City of Merced and the MUHSD. This has reduced the need of police services within the school district. MUHSD has requested an addendum to the existing MOU between the City of Merced and the Merced Union High School District 2019-2022. This addendum asks for two School Resource Officers with the option to add two more officers if the state restrictions are lifted allowing students back on campus.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

A total of four School Resource Officers were accounted for in the FY 2020-21 Budget. Due to the requested reduction from four officers to two, the department will hold two vacation police officer positions vacant to account for the reduction in anticipated revenue. As distance learning is lifted, the fiscal impact will be evaluated to allow for the vacant positions that are held to be filled.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Merced and the Merced Union High School District
2. Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding