



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: SHERIFF

File #: 21-732

Board Meeting Date: 9/14/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff
Subject: Agreement with the City of Vallejo

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Vallejo for forensic services provided by the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2006, the City of Vallejo has been contracting with the County for forensic laboratory work conducted by the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory.

The Vallejo Police Department has limited staffing assigned to the Evidence Section of its Investigations Division which handles the processing and evidence collection of all major crime scenes. The use of the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory will aid in more complex cases, multiple fatality crime scenes and any incident beyond the capabilities of the Vallejo Police Department's Evidence Section.

DISCUSSION:

In addition to providing forensic laboratory analyses, the proposed three-year contract calls for the laboratory to respond to: 1) officer involved shootings or incidents in which the City's law enforcement officers are injured or killed in the line of duty; and 2) homicides, if the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Solano County are unable to respond.

The laboratory manages the extra case load with one additional staff member. The additional position is largely supported by the contract with the City of Vallejo and provides the agencies in San Mateo County hundreds of additional hours of services at no additional cost to the County. In addition to providing the County with more service hours, serving the City of Vallejo adds an additional 100,000 people to the County of San Mateo's service population. The population of an area served is one of the key factors used in the distribution of DNA enhancement and backlog funds. Continuing this contractual relationship will maintain the Sheriff's Office service population at a level

that will keep the laboratory working as a regional laboratory, and thus in a better position of receiving federal grant funding.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The agreement is for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2024, and for a reimbursement amount not to exceed \$450,000. Revenue from the agreement has been included in the Sheriff's Office FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget and will be included in future budgets during the term of the contract. There is no Net County Cost.