



## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** October 21, 2014

**Item Number:** D-15

**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council

**From:** David L. Snowden, Chief of Police

**Subject:** **APPROPRIATION OF \$440,712 TO FUND HALF OF THE BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COSTS RELATED TO ITS CAMPUS SECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR; AND**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING TO THE DISTRICT**

**Attachments:** None

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council move to appropriate \$440,712 from the City's General Fund reserves to 00102201/734100 (Police Community Relations Unit/Contractual Services-Education) to provide half of the funding required by the Beverly Hills Unified School District ("BHUSD" or "the District") to fund its Campus Security Program for the 2014/2015 school year, and authorize the City Attorney and City Manager to negotiate and execute a one-year agreement related to provision of the funding.

## **INTRODUCTION**

On August 5, 2014, the City Council considered a request from BHUSD Board President Noah Margo during the Study Session Agenda to fund half of the cost of the District's Campus Security Program. The annual program cost is \$881,423 and is provided through a private security vendor, Evidence-Based, Inc. (EBi). The total request of the City for fiscal year 14/15 is \$440,712. During that meeting, the City Council posed a number of questions to staff, representatives of BHUSD and EBi relating to school safety, coordination between the Police Department and EBi, liability issues, the role of armed campus security officers in the schools, and financial issues affecting the District. The City Council then requested that answers to these questions be researched and presented at a future meeting for reconsideration of this item.

On October 7, 2014 the City Council was presented with the answers to the questions they had posed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and reconsidered this item. Representatives from the School District and EBi were also in attendance.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City Council provided direction during the October 7<sup>th</sup> Study Session to proceed with the request to fund half of the cost of the District's Campus Security Program for the 2014/15 school year. In order to do so, the City will have to enter into a funding agreement with BHUSD. This agreement will include the following:

- The City will not exercise control over the security operation.
- Before payment is made, the agreement will require the District to demonstrate to the City that its private security vendor has at least \$10 million in general liability insurance and that the City has been named as an additional insured.
- The District must amend its contract with the security firm to require that the firm defend and indemnify the City as well as the District from any liability arising from the security firm's operations to the fullest extent permitted by law with language satisfactory to the City's Risk Manager and the City Attorney.

The City Attorney's office will work with the District to secure an executed agreement before any payment is made by the City.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The costs associated with agreement total \$440,712 and will be made with funds appropriated from the City's General Fund reserves to 00102201/734100 (Police Community Relations Unit/Contractual Services-Education).

ITEM DESCRIPTION	00102201 – POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS	AMOUNT
BHUSD Campus Security Reimbursement	734100 – Contractual Services- Education	\$440,712
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$440,712</b>

  
Don Riggs, Director of  
Administrative Services, CFO

Finance Approval

  
David L. Snowden, Chief of Police

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