

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Inter-Departmental Correspondence Sheriff's Office



Date: October 6, 2016

Board Meeting Date: October 18, 2016 **Special Notice / Hearing:** None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

Subject: Measure A: Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Human Trafficking /

Commercially Exploited Children Program Coordination Services Funded by

Measure A Funds for Fiscal Year 2016-17

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure A: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Michael Brosnan for Human Trafficking / Commercially Exploited Children Program Coordination services, increasing the amount by \$140,000 to \$280,000, and extending the term one year to June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Measure A is the ten-year half-cent sales tax approved by the voters in November 2012. A study session with the Board was held on December 9, 2014, to address the Board's priorities over the next two years, the County's Shared Vision 2025 indicators and goals, and gaps in critical service areas.

On February 10, 2015, your Board appointed Supervisors Slocum and Tissier to a **Measure A** Subcommittee to give staff direction on the FY 2015-17 funding cycle.

On March 17, 2015, your Board adopted the allocation plan for **Measure A** funding for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17. The plan included several priority areas where new contracts for homelessness and housing, foster youth, and older adult services would be brought to the Board on an accelerated schedule so services could begin on July 1, 2015.

On April 28, 2015, your Board approved continuing and / or expanding initiatives that were part of the FY 2013-15 funding cycle as well as a number of new initiatives and projects for the FY 2015-17 funding cycle.

DISCUSSION:

The Human Trafficking / Commercially Exploited Children Program is a **Measure A** funded initiative. On September 1, 2015, the Board entered into a contract with Michael Brosnan to provide Human Trafficking / Commercially Exploited Children Program Coordinator services.

Mr. Brosnan provides services to align all law enforcement resources in the County that are working to address human trafficking. Mr. Brosnan works with the County's law enforcement agencies to bring stakeholders together to establish shared goals, opportunities, and priorities. He has continuously provided ongoing training and education, while coordinating all law enforcement activity. Mr. Brosnan has worked with numerous contracted agencies/persons to assess the scope of the problem, the available services as well as the gaps in service throughout San Mateo County. Additionally, Mr. Brosnan has reached out to community based organizations and the faith based community to create wraparound services for those rescued from human traffickers and those who have been trafficked.

During FY 2015-16, nine (9) enforcement operations were conducted. These operations have resulted in the arrest of 22 females for prostitution (sellers); 12 males for prostitution (buyers); 6 males for pimping and pandering; and 2 females for being in and about an area for prostitution.

As part of a state directive to address issues of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC), the child welfare director from the Human Services Agency chairs CSEC Workgroup that includes a representative from the Sheriff's Office, Mr. Michael Brosnan. In addition to the CSEC Workgroup, Mr. Brosnan also participates in HSA's multi-discipline team (MDT) meetings that include representatives from a number of County and community agencies.

Mr. Brosnan continues to make inroads into labor trafficking through robust education and enforcement efforts. Continuous gradual improvement in efficiency and effectiveness of County operations and long-term savings will be the result once coordination is established, and the "duplication of effort" is positively impacted.

Amendment One to the contract with Michael Brosnan increases the not-to-exceed amount by \$140,000 to \$280,000 and extends the term one year to June 30, 2017.

A waiver of the Request for Proposals process is requested, as Michael Brosnan is best suited to lead this initiative in San Mateo County. Mr. Brosnan is recently retired as the Assistant Police Chief in the South San Francisco Police Department (SSFPD), which is considered the regional leader in combatting human trafficking. The former SSFPD Chief, under whom Mr. Brosnan worked, was asked by Congresswoman Jackie Speier to be the lead in the County for this effort. Mr. Brosnan has been a point person in the leadership of this effort and brings a vast amount of knowledge and credibility in the initiative to address the issues of human trafficking and commercially exploited children. In addition, his efforts were recognized by Freedom House at their 7th Annual Gala by presenting Mr. Brosnan with the Guardian Award.

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

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Safe Community by continuing the robust education and enforcement efforts in combatting human trafficking and commercially exploited children.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

See the attached Annual Report of the productivity of the Human Trafficking Program's initial implementation during FY 2015-16.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of **Measure A** funds included in this amendment is \$140,000 for FY 2016-17.