

Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 5147 NEW SERIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ENTITLED "PROGRAM-FUNDED STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT" WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA), FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN A DEA TASK FORCE IN THE PHOENIX AREA.

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for federal fiscal year 2017 to continue participation in a DEA Task Force in the Phoenix Area.

Background

The Glendale Police Department has partnered with DEA for more than two decades to fight the importation, sale and use of dangerous drugs and narcotics; aiming to interdict the supply of drugs and the transfer of large sums of money that accompany the illicit drug trade. The Glendale Police Department has participated in the DEA Task Force since 2007, assigning detectives to the Task Force in the Phoenix area. The current IGA for participation in the Task Force will expire September 29, 2016.

The goal of the Task Force is the disruption of illicit drug trafficking in the State of Arizona by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations. The assigned detectives gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs, conduct undercover operations where appropriate, and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Arizona.

The partnership with DEA promotes close cooperation between the agencies and greatly enhances information sharing, which assists with large scale operations to suppress drug importation and sales. The experience gained by the detectives assists the Glendale Police Department with staying informed of drug trafficking and its impact on the City of Glendale.

Analysis

The agreement requires Glendale Police Department to assign two (2) detectives to the Task Force. During the period of assignment, the city remains responsible for establishing the salary and benefits of the assigned

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detectives, including overtime. The DEA will reimburse the city for overtime payments made to the detectives assigned to the Task Force, up \$17,753 annually per detective. If Council approves the requested action, the term of this IGA will be October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. Staff is requesting Council adopt the proposed resolution and authorize the City Manager to enter into the IGA with DEA for federal fiscal year 2017 to continue participation in the Task Force.

Previous Related Council Action

On September 22, 2015, Council adopted a resolution (No. 5020 New Series) authorizing the City Manager to enter into an IGA with the United States Department of Justice DEA for continued participation in a Task Force in the Phoenix Area.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Participation in the Task Force provides additional knowledge and experience that assists the Glendale Police Department with removing drug traffickers and the effects of their operations from city neighborhoods. Protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Glendale is an ongoing priority for law enforcement.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no cost to the city to enter into this IGA. Without this IGA, overtime costs for these types of drug investigations would have to be absorbed by the Police Department budget.