



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION/SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Library has had a branch library in the community of San Lucas since 1916. The library is seen as a beloved and important asset to the community and is a popular educational and recreational site for adults and children.

The library had been located at 45692 Teresa Street in San Lucas since 1990 until 2010, when that location was permanently closed. In 2016, a new library was built, from County funds and private donations, and it is approximately 1,200 square feet and is located at 54692 Teresa Street, near the former site.

Because of safety concerns in the community and repeated vandalism and problems at the library, the Sheriff's staff has worked closely with the Library staff, often stopping at the library to make contact with members of the community and to help create a safer library environment and a safer community. The relationship between the Library and Sheriff has been beneficial to both agencies as well as to the community, and a continuation of this collaboration would be advantageous to the community and the County of Monterey. Because of this, the Library and the Sheriff's Office created an MOU from 2016 to 2021, that allowed the Sheriff's Office to use a room inside of the library as a field office.

The current MOU is expiring and thus, the two County departments have created a new MOU.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality, and by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. There is no financial consideration involved as to the use of library space.

FINANCING:

There is no financial consideration involved as to the use of library space by the Sheriff's Office. There is no financial impact on the Library budget nor any financial exchange between both County Departments, arising from this MOU

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Safety: The Memorandum of Understanding will further enhance the safety of the community of San Lucas and the local patrons of MCFL.

Health and Human Services: The Memorandum of Understanding will allow the residents of the community to develop goodwill and collaboration with both County Departments.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachment:

Memorandum of Understanding - MCFL with Monterey County Sheriffs Office