



County of Monterey

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Board Report

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Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Court Security Services between the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Superior Court of California, County of Monterey for the period between November 1, 2025, and June 30, 2030, with an estimated annual cost of \$6.6 Million.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to Government Code section 69921.5, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office is responsible to provide the necessary level of court security services to the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey by providing traditional court bailiff services to the judicial officers, as well as providing safety and security services for the courtrooms, facilities, and grounds.

Government Code section 69926 requires the Court and the Sheriff to enter into an annual or multiyear memorandum of understanding specifying the agreed upon level of court security services and any other agreed-upon governing or operating procedures. The agreed upon MOU period is between November 1, 2025, and June 30, 2030. It is agreed the Sheriff's Office will provide one (1) FTE Commander, two (2) FTE Sergeants, and 20 FTE Deputy Sheriffs-Corrections.

Assembly Bill 118 (Chapter 40 of the Statutes of 2011) ("AB 118") realigned the source of funding for superior court security. Pursuant to AB 118, a local Trial Court Security Account was established in the county treasury, into which the State Controller would allocate money for the sole the purpose of funding superior court security provided by county sheriffs.

The Superior Court Security Act of 2012 implemented the statutory changes necessary as a result of the realignment of superior court security funding enacted in AB 118.

As stated in Government Code section 69920, nothing in AB 188 or the Superior Court Security Act of 2012 is intended to reduce court security service delivery, increase obligations on Sheriffs or counties, or other significant programmatic changes that would not otherwise have occurred absent realignment.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Administrative Office of the Courts, Monterey County Superior Court, and County Counsel have been consulted in the preparation of this MOU.

FINANCING:

Court Security costs are reimbursed by the Trial Court Security fund. The fund is expected to support all the positions for upcoming years as the funding is constitutionally mandated although each year there are County indirect cost expenses that are not covered by the Court Security Trust Fund. All estimated costs and revenues to maintain this program are included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Sheriff's Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals:

- ☐ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☐ Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- ☒ Safe and Resilient Communities
- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- ☐ Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachments:

FY 2025-30 Court Security MOU between Superior Court and Sheriff's Office