

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Aaron Adams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 26, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Receive and File Support for Providing Assistance to the Riverside County District Attorney Cannabis Regulation Taskforce

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**PREPARED BY:** Betsy Lowrey, Senior Management Analyst

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council receive and file support for providing assistance to the Riverside County District Attorney Cannabis Regulation Task Force.

**BACKGROUND:** The Riverside County District Attorney's office created a Cannabis Regulation Taskforce (CRTF) in 2018. Every city within Riverside County has been invited to participate in the CRTF. The mission of the CRTF is to regulate legitimately licensed cannabis dispensaries, conduct criminal investigations and prosecute non-licensed criminal enterprises engaging in the illegal sales, transportation, cultivation and production of cannabis and cannabis products. The City of Temecula prohibits cannabis dispensaries by law, and remains committed to enforcing its cannabis-related ordinances. The City seeks assistance and resources from the office of the District Attorney to help ensure legal enforcement of cannabis activity within the City, and is interested in assisting the regional CRTF. Cities with police departments join the CRTF and these cities are required to dedicate one sworn officer from its police force to serve on the CRTF and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the CRTF. Temecula has a contract with Riverside County Sheriff for Law Enforcement Services. Temecula will request the Sheriff to deploy a Deputy funded by the City under this Agreement to participate in the CRTF subject to its Law Enforcement Services Agreement and the Sheriff's Memorandum of Understanding with the CRTF. Additionally, the City of Temecula will provide office space at Temecula City Hall without rent for the CRTF for this purpose and other public safety purposes that serve the citizens of Temecula and further coalesce the relationship between the City, Sheriff and District Attorney.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The cost of the Deputy deployed to the CRTF, is appropriately budgeted within the City's operating budget under the City's current Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Letter of Interest and Intent