

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 10, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: POLICE CHIEF ZAMORA

SUBJECT: THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE JPA RE-ESTABLISHING THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Third Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement re-establishing the Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County to provide for a one-year extension through June 30, 2025, and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County (CJC) is a collaborative forum for discussing and recommending programs and policies to address criminal justice issues. The purpose of this staff report is to extend the CJC for another year until June 30, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

On October 4, 2011, the Council approved the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) Re-establishing the CJC following discussions regarding collaborative efforts to address countywide gang prevention and intervention. The CJC has provided a forum for discussing and recommending programs and plans for solutions to criminal justice issues. The term of the agreement was extended for five years in 2016, extended for another three years in 2021 and expired on June 30, 2024.

The attached third amendment to the agreement would extend the CJC term for another year until June 30, 2025. During this term, the CJC will focus on inventorying behavioral health services among service providers in the community and issuing its fourth and final annual report. The CJC will also summarize key takeaways and recommendations from all four reports. Over the last three years, the CJC has published reports on:

- Santa Cruz County Regional Public Safety Agency Policy Review and Analysis (2021)
- Santa Cruz County Regional Mental/Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement Review and Analysis (2022)

- Santa Cruz County Court and Jail System Review and Analysis: Addressing Behavioral Health Cases (2023)

More information on the CJC can be viewed online at <https://www.santacruzjc.org/>

Having accomplished its purpose and final report, the CJC anticipates that it will phase out during Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and sunset on June 30, 2025. Collaborative efforts will continue through other public safety and justice commissions, committees and advisory bodies, including the Commission on Justice and Gender, Community Corrections Partnership, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended action supports the Council's objective of 5-Public Safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City's annual dues for the CJC are \$3,000. These funds were included in the Fiscal Year 24/25 budget.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The Council may choose to not approve the CJC Extension.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.