## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 8 | **Name:** | Nick Bowman |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2019-0447 | **Date:** | January 28, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

A Motion acknowledging receipt of a report on the community engagement efforts employed by the sheriff to prevent and reduce gang participation and violence, in compliance with the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18835, Section 21, Proviso P6.

**SUMMARY**

The proposed motion and attached report responds to the requirements of Ordinance 18835, the 2019-2020 biennial budget. Section 21, Proviso P6 of the adopted budget obliged the Sheriff’s Office to transmit a report detailing the community partnerships and law enforcement coordination efforts to reduce gang participation and violence.

In accordance with the proviso requirements, the report provides a list of law enforcement agencies, community organizations and public entities that KCSO has partnered with, as well as, a description of efforts to prevent and reduce gang participation and violence. The proviso also requires that Council pass a motion acknowledging receipt of the report in order to release $100,000 in appropriated funding to the Sheriff’s Office. The proposed motion, if passed by Council, would fulfill the proviso requirement.

**BACKGROUND**

The adopted 2019-2020 biennial budget included a proviso which read:

*Of this appropriation, $100,000 shall not be expended or encumbered until the sheriff transmits a report on the community engagement efforts employed by the sheriff to prevent and reduce gang participation and violence and a motion that should acknowledge receipt of the report and reference the subject matter, the proviso's ordinance, ordinance section and proviso number in both the title and body of the motion, and a motion acknowledging receipt of the report is passed by the council.*

*The report shall include, but not be limited to:*

1. *A list of organizations, including, but not limited to, law enforcement agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood and community groups, youth organizations, schools and businesses that the sheriff has partnered with, or has identified as potential partners, to advance the objectives of preventing and reducing gang participation and violence; and*
2. *A description of the methods and manner through which the sheriff is partnering with other law enforcement agencies and public entities to increase coordination and collaboration to advance the objectives of preventing and reducing gang participation and violence.*

*The sheriff should file the report and a motion required by this proviso by September 1, 2019, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the law and justice committee, or its successor.*

**ANALYSIS**

Ordinance 18835 required KCSO to transmit a report by September 1, 2019, that includes the following elements:

1. A list of law enforcement agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood and community groups, youth organizations, schools and businesses that KCSO has identified as potential partners to advance the objectives of preventing and reducing gang participation and violence; and
2. A description of the methods and manner through which the Sheriff is partnering with other law enforcement agencies and public entities to increase coordination and collaboration to advance the objectives of preventing and reducing gang participation and violence.

**Partnerships**

The proviso report provides a list of partnerships which KCSO works with to reduce gang participation and violence. Some of the partner entities identified in the report include:

* The Center for Children and Youth Justice;
* Retention, Expansion, and Collaboration Hub (REACH);
* King County Juvenile Court;
* Washington State’s Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration
* Renton and Highline School Districts;
* WAPI Community Services;
* Seattle Police Department;
* The United States Marshall’s;
* King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office; and
* Bellevue Police Department.

**Law Enforcement Collaboration & Coordination**

The proviso report highlights collaborative efforts the Sheriff’s Office has undertaken in recent years to reduce gang participation and combat gang violence. These efforts include establishing the Violent Crimes Reduction Task Force in South King County. According to the report, the total number of Task Force participants has not yet been finalized, but currently includes the Des Moines Police Department, Seattle Police Department, the U.S. Marshall’s Service, Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms and the State Department of Corrections. The report further notes, that as the influence and outreach of criminal gang activity is not limited to one law enforcement jurisdiction, city or school district, partnerships with other jurisdictions removes some of the self-imposed jurisdictional barriers and acts as a force multiplier.

Additionally, the report discusses the formation of a Family and Youth Services (FYS) section within the Criminal Investigations Division of KCSO. The FYS section’s primary objective is to reduce gang violence through outreach, education, intervention and enforcement. According to the report, the stated goals of the section are to utilize prevention, intervention and referral resources to provide non-gang options for high risk community members, educate community members on gang prevention and intervention techniques and programs, and lead and/or participate in criminal investigations and task forces with gang or group violence.

**AMENDMENT**

Amendment 1 would correct two typos which references Ordinance 18835 as the “2018-2019” biennial budget. Ordinance 18835 adopted the 2019-2020 biennial budget.

Amendment T1 would correct a typo in the title which references Ordinance 18835 as the “2018-2019” biennial budget. Ordinance 18835 adopted the 2019-2020 biennial budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2019-0447 (and its attachments)
2. Amendment 1
3. Amendment T1
4. Transmittal Letter

**INVITED**

1. Mitzi Johanknecht, Sheriff, King County Sheriff’s Office
2. Troy Olmsted, Criminal Investigations Division Chief, King County Sheriff’s Office