RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT EXTENDING OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UNDER THE CURRENT MOA FOR SIX MONTHS FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY $875,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $8,957,000

Douglas Guthrie
President & Chief Executive Officer

Eric Brown
Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles’ (“HACLA”) President & CEO, or designee, to enter into a fourth amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (“MOA”) with the Los Angeles Police Department (“LAPD”), extending the operation of the Community Safety Partnership (“CSP”) Program, presently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020, for a six-month period, to December 31, 2020. This action is necessary to continue providing CSP programs and services while a new MOA is under review and being negotiated with the LAPD.

Regarding: In December 2014, the Board of Commissioners of HACLA (“Board”) approved the present 5-year MOA with LAPD to operate the CSP Program (Resolution 9177). The Board subsequently approved 3 amendments to the current MOA: first, in 2016, to expand the CSP Program to the Pueblo Del Rio public housing development (Resolution 9273); second, in October 2019, to expand the CSP Program to the San Fernando Gardens public housing development (Resolution 9534); the third amendment, in November 2019, extended the existing MOA for six months from January 1 to June 30, 2020 (Resolution 9546).

Issues: Since the inception of the original CSP Program at four public housing sites (Imperial Courts, Jordan Downs, Nickerson Gardens and Ramona Gardens) in October 2011, it has grown to include four additional sites, expanding first to Avalon Gardens and Gonzaque Village in 2015, then to Pueblo Del Rio in 2016 and, most recently, in October 2019 to San Fernando Gardens. There are now eight developments served by the CSP Program, deploying seventy Police Officers and seven supervising Sergeants citywide.

The November 2019 action to extend the MOA for a six-month period originated from the desire of both HACLA and LAPD to weigh the findings from two independent but concurrent assessment studies of the CSP Program. Findings from the Urban Institute’s study were presented to the Board in November 2019. Preliminary findings of the LAPD-commissioned study, conducted by UCLA, were
provided in late February 2020. These evaluation reports represent some of the final steps in a lengthy MOA renewal process, involving extensive consultation with our partners at LAPD on potential improvements and revisions to program operations set forth in the MOA. These discussions have focused primarily on seeking ways to improve CSP Program operations and services in the community, based on HACLA’s, LAPD’s, and, of course, residents’ mutual experience over the past five years.

In addition to the bilateral deliberations between HACLA and LAPD, a new Policy Steering Committee, initiated by LAPD Chief Moore and composed of multiple stakeholders, including City Councilmembers, the City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (“GRYD”), and the Ballmer Group, brings expertise on how best to incorporate the findings and recommendations of the assessment reports into CSP operations and, where relevant, the new MOA. The Policy Steering Committee’s role is particularly helpful from an implementation standpoint bearing in mind the overwhelming majority of the recommendations in both reports specifically targeted LAPD practices, operations and organizational capacity.

Further, as the redevelopment process at Jordan Downs continues to progress, HACLA is currently in discussions with its onsite redevelopment partners and the LAPD regarding CSP programming options as various phases of the redevelopment come on line.

HACLA and LAPD are in the process of working through the final version of the MOA. Unfortunately, the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted this process to a significant degree. In fact, our partners at LAPD have made it clear, given the unique circumstances of the pandemic, they will be unable to finish their internal review and approval and come to a mutually agreed upon MOA prior to the June 30, 2020 expiration of the current extension. This being the case, LAPD has requested we ask the Board to extend the existing MOA for a further six-month period in the expectation this will provide sufficient time for the parties to fine tune the agreement and for LAPD to complete its process.

**Vision Plan: People Strategy 15: Improve security monitoring at all HACLA sites**

Extending the current agreement with LAPD will allow the existing combination of relational policing, youth and adult programming and safe passage in operation at CSP public housing sites to continue as the parties discuss and allow for thoughtful negotiations on ways to improve the current program and better serve public housing residents. Both the CSP program and the system of onsite cameras are important elements of a strong community security framework at these sites.

**Funding:** The Chief Administrative Officer confirms the following:
Source of Funds: Funds from LA LOMOD amounting to $875,000 are available to fund the CSP program from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Budget and Program Impact: These funds will cover the operational, programmatic and administrative costs of the CSP program for the duration of the MOA’s six-month extension through the end of 2020. Once the new MOA is approved, funds from LA LOMOD will cover the full yearly program cost for the full duration of the new MOA’s term.

Environmental Review: Not applicable

Section 3: Not applicable

Attachments:
1. Resolution
2. Fourth Amendment to the MOA with LAPD Extending the Agreement for Six Months
RESOLUTION NO.________________________

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT EXTENDING OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UNDER THE CURRENT MOA FOR SIX MONTHS FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY $875,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $8,957,000

WHEREAS, the current five-year Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles ("HACLA") and the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD"), as amended, expires on June 30, 2020 and it is, therefore, necessary to extend the existing MOA for a six-month period to continue providing Community Safety Partnership ("CSP") programs and services while a new MOA is under review and discussion; and

WHEREAS, HACLA staff has engaged in extensive consultation with their counterparts at LAPD regarding potential changes and revisions to the expiring MOA; and

WHEREAS, the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted this process to a significant degree such that our partners at LAPD have made it clear, given the unique circumstances of the pandemic, they will be unable to finish their internal review and approval and come to a mutually agreed upon MOA prior to the June 30, 2020 expiration of the current extension; and

WHEREAS, deliberations are sufficiently advanced to the point where both parties anticipate the new MOA will be ready for approval in December, 2020; and

WHEREAS, LAPD has requested we ask the Board of Commissioners of HACLA ("Board") to approve an extension of the existing MOA for a further six-month period in the expectation this will provide sufficient time for LAPD to complete its review process; and

WHEREAS, funds from LA LOMOD amounting to $875,000 are available to fund the CSP Program from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and, once the new MOA is approved, funds from LA LOMOD will cover the full yearly program cost for the duration of the new MOA's term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the President and CEO, or a duly appointed designee, to execute a fourth amendment to the existing Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Police Department extending operation of the Community Safety Partnership Program under the current MOA for six months from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and increasing the contract amount by $875,000 for a total amount not to exceed $8,957,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: ____________________________
Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JAMES JOHNSON

BY: ____________________________
General Counsel

DATE ADOPTED: _______________
AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 4 to the Memorandum of Agreement (this "Amendment No. 4") is made and entered into this ___ day of ________, 2020, by and between the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ("HACLA") and the LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ("LAPD") (hereinafter individually or collectively referred to herein as "Party" or "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on or about January 1, 2015, the Parties entered into that certain Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") which established the Community Safety Partnership ("CSP") Program, to ensure dedicated, full-time law enforcement resources at six (6) public housing developments within the City of Los Angeles (Ramona Gardens, Nickerson Gardens, Jordan Downs, Imperial Courts, Avalon Gardens and Gonzaque Village); and

WHEREAS, on or about March 24, 2016, the Parties entered into Amendment No. 1 of the Agreement ("Amendment No. 1") to expand the CSP Program to a seventh (7th) public housing site, the Pueblo del Rio public housing development, and to increase the maximum allowable reimbursement amount under the Agreement for the deployment of officers to the additional CSP Program site; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2019, the Parties entered into Amendment No. 2 of the Agreement ("Amendment No. 2") to expand the CSP Program to an eighth (8th) public housing site, the San Fernando Gardens public housing development, and to increase the maximum allowable reimbursement amount under the Agreement for the deployment of officers to the additional CSP Program site; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 12, 2020, the Parties entered into Amendment No. 3 of the Agreement ("Amendment No. 3") to extend the term of the existing Agreement by six months to June 30, 2020 to allow for additional time to negotiate a new five-year agreement; and

WHEREAS, the CSP Program is a policing model that relies on long-term assignment of police personnel to develop relationship-based policing by working with a variety of community stakeholders to help promote the safety, security, and welfare of residents of public housing developments and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, HACLA and LAPD have been engaged in extensive discussions over the last year surrounding potential improvements and revisions to the existing Agreement as they negotiate a new, long-term agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have each independently commissioned concurrent assessment studies of the CSP Program and wish to thoroughly review and consider the findings of both studies for possible implementation into a new agreement; and
WHEREAS, one study was only recently concluded and preliminary results of the other were provided in February 2020; and

WHEREAS, the current Agreement expires on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the negotiation process to a significant degree such that, given the unique circumstances of the pandemic, the LAPD will be unable to finish their internal review and approval and come to a mutually agreed upon new agreement prior to the June 30, 2020 expiration of the current extension; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend the Agreement under this Fourth Amendment to extend the term of the existing Agreement by six months to allow for adequate time for mutual negotiation and final review, approval, and execution of a new agreement to account for the delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed by HACLA and LAPD to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Section 2, “Term,” is hereby amended to reflect that the Agreement Term is extended six (6) months and shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

2. Section 3,”Funding,” is hereby amended to reflect that HACLA will provide LAPD an additional reimbursement sum up to Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($875,000.00) to continue to operate the CSP Program during the extension period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The total reimbursement sum under the Agreement, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, and Amendment No. 4 shall not exceed Eight Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($8,957,000.00).

3. The Parties mutually agree that this Amendment No. 4 is incorporated in the Agreement for all purposes and all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except as expressly amended by this Amendment No. 4.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement on the day and year first above written.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

By: ________________________________
MICHAEL MOORE
Chief of Police

Date: ________________________________

Approved as to form:

By: ________________________________
MICHAEL FEUER
Los Angeles City Attorney

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: ________________________________
DOUGLAS GUTHRIE
President and CEO

Date: ________________________________

Approved as to form:

By: ________________________________
JAMES JOHNSON
General Counsel for HACLA