



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

July 13, 2021

FROM

TRACY REECE, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

SUBJECT

Agreement with Charles Brugnola for Dog Therapy Program Services

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve Agreement with Charles Brugnola to provide dog therapy program services to juvenile and youthful offenders in custody in the High Desert Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center and Gateway to A Restorative Integration for Successful Engagement facility, at no cost to the County, for the period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, with the option to extend the term for two additional one-year periods. (Presenter: Tracy Reece, Chief Probation Officer, 387-5692)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.
Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). There are no additional costs associated with this agreement, as Charles Brugnola (Contractor) will be responsible for the cost of the program. The Probation Department (Department) will utilize existing staff to supervise program services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of this agreement will allow the Department to work with the Contractor to provide animal education and therapy programs for juvenile and youthful offenders at the Department's Gateway to A Restorative Integration for Successful Engagement and High Desert Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center facilities.

The Department has participated in similar dog therapy programming in 2009 and 2015. The Board of Supervisors approved non-financial agreements with PAL Humane Society (June 2, 2009, Item No. 51) and Dances with Dogs (January 6, 2015, Item No. 24) for education and therapeutic programming for youth. Both programs were successful in providing therapy and positive incentives for juvenile and youthful offenders.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

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This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jamie Ryan, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 17, 2021; Finance (Carolina Mendoza, Administrative Analyst, 387-0294) on June 21, 2021); and County Finance and Administration (Kelly Welty, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on June 22, 2021.