



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

County Manager's Office

DATE: August 31, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: September 15, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Alms, Manager, Real Property Division

SUBJECT: Third Amendment to Residential Rental Agreement with Jerome W. and Karen Mertens for the Sheriff's Commuter House at 731 Valota Rd, Redwood City, California. (Lease No. 1252)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

1. Authorizing and directing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Third Amendment to the Residential Rental Agreement with Jerome W. and Karen Mertens for the Sheriff's Commuter House at 731 Valota Rd, Redwood City, which extends the expiration date to August 31, 2012 with two options to extend for one additional year each, at an initial monthly rate of \$3,700; and
2. Authorizing the County Manager or his designee to execute notices, options and documents associated with the Third Amendment and Agreement including, but not limited to, extension or termination of the Agreement under the terms set forth therein.

BACKGROUND:

In an effort to recruit and retain trained Deputies, the Sheriff's Office provides temporary lodging for Deputies who must commute increasingly long distances. In September 2001, as authorized by Resolution No. 64723, the Sheriff's Office entered into an Agreement to lease a house at 731 Valota Road in Redwood City for use as the Sheriff's Commuter House. In September 2002, as authorized by Resolution No. 65531, the First Amendment extended the Agreement for an additional year, and provided the County with three additional options to extend under the same terms and conditions for one year each. In August 2006, as



authorized by Resolution No. 68207, the Second Amendment increased the rent, extended the agreement for an additional year, and provided the County with two additional options to extend under the same terms and conditions for one year each. The Lease Agreement expired on August 31, 2009.

DISCUSSION:

In light of the high cost-of-living in the County, the Commuter House remains an important tool in the recruitment and retention of quality Deputies for the Sheriff's Office.

The Third Amendment To Residential Rental Agreement extends the term of the Agreement through August 31, 2012, provides two (2) one year options to renew the Rental Agreement under the same terms and conditions, and raises the monthly Rental to \$3,700.00 per month, subject to annual CPI adjustments.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Third Amendment as to form. The Sheriff concurs in this recommendation.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by providing an affordable alternative to daily commuting for Deputies who live in other communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The initial monthly rent of \$3,700, is included in the Sheriff's tentatively adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

cc:/enc: Judith Holiber, Deputy County Counsel
cc: Greg Munks, Sheriff