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Community Resources  
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Hi, I'd like this submitted for the Board of Supervisors budget workshops. Thank you,



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*For Isla Vista, by Isla Vista, building the community we deserve.*

April 12, 2020

Chair Hart, Board of Supervisors, and Sheriff Brown,

We, the undersigned Isla Vistans, have reviewed the Sheriff's Office budget document. It is clear that the COVID-19 pandemic is not only a public health crisis, but a financial crisis that may present significant challenges to local government organizations. However, we are very concerned that the Sheriff, for the third time in four years, is proposing cuts to community-oriented policing in Isla Vista.

The role of the Community Resource Deputy in Isla Vista is to serve as a liaison between the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and student organizations, clubs, and groups, business and property owners, youth and families, and nonprofit organizations. Our Community Resource Deputy is Sr. Deputy Justin Schroeder. During Deputy Schroeder's time as CRD, he initiated innovative programs that have improved law enforcement/community relations and public safety. The Community Resource Deputy implemented the party registration program and restorative justice program, both of which improved cooperation between students and law enforcement leading to a safer community. In addition, the Community Resource Deputy position has greatly improved partnership between the Isla Vista Community Services District and law enforcement. Now, the IVCSO voted to fund a program with the Sheriff's Office for a part-time communications intern under the management of the Community Resource Deputy, in order to improve communications with all IV residents through social media and other online platforms.

Over the past two years, crime in Isla Vista has continued to drop, and more and more residents are reporting feeling safe in our community. Due to the high rate of turnover in Isla Vista, it is incredibly important that the Sheriff's Office provide the Isla Vista Foot Patrol with the resources to sustain consistent community engagement efforts, and we urge the Sheriff to continue to fund the Community Resource Deputy position.

Sincerely,

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