

DRAFT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE SARATOGA POLICE SERVICES TRANSITION STUDY AND INDEPENDENT COST REVIEW; APPROVING THE PROPOSED REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK AND FY 2027-28 CONTRACT FINANCIAL BASIS; APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM; AND AUTHORIZING CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF SARATOGA REGARDING A POTENTIAL REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos operates the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department (LGMSPD), which currently provides municipal law enforcement services to Los Gatos and, by contract, to the City of Monte Sereno; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saratoga has historically obtained law enforcement services through the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and requested that the Town evaluate whether LGMSPD could provide Saratoga with a sustainable regional municipal law enforcement services alternative; and

WHEREAS, Meliora Public Safety Consulting's operational transition study concludes that LGMSPD has the operational framework and organizational maturity to incorporate Saratoga patrol services with additional personnel, appropriate relief capacity, deliberate deployment, and continuing workload review; and

WHEREAS, Matrix Consulting Group separately reviewed the proposed cost model's calculations, cost inputs, internal consistency, and appropriateness for inclusion under Government Code section 54982, while staffing assumptions and service levels remained Town policy and management determinations informed by the separate operational study; and

WHEREAS, the independent work and Town staff analysis presented to the Town Council on September 15, 2026 conclude that a three-city regional municipal policing model is operationally feasible if it is appropriately staffed, financed, governed, and implemented with the resources and readiness measures described in the Council Agenda Report; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regional model is structured as an integrated Department-wide service model, with additional sworn and professional staffing, operational readiness capacity, technology, dispatch, fleet, records, administrative support, and other resources intended to preserve effective service in Los Gatos and Monte Sereno while providing comprehensive municipal law enforcement services to Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027-28 cost model establishes a proposed annualized contract financial basis of \$9,729,000, consisting of a \$9,392,000 Base Rate for ongoing services and an estimated \$337,000 annual startup cost recovery installment, before applicable simple interest and other authorized charges; and for the proposed initial service period from October 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, the ongoing Base Rate would be prorated to \$7,044,000 while the full annual startup installment would be recovered, resulting in a currently estimated initial service period amount of \$7,381,000 before applicable interest and other authorized charges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement for Law Enforcement Services provides for an October 1, 2027 service commencement date and addresses the scope of services, operational authority, reporting and coordination, annual rate adjustments, external mandate and extraordinary cost recovery, startup cost reimbursement, insurance and indemnity, dispute resolution, termination, and transition responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed partnership is being considered through the respective public processes of both agencies, with the Saratoga City Council scheduled to discuss the proposed partnership and Agreement on September 16, 2026, followed by additional public review and community engagement before potential future consideration by the Saratoga City Council; and

WHEREAS, in light of that sequencing, the Town Council desires at this time to receive and accept the completed operational and financial due diligence, approve the proposed partnership framework and financial basis, and approve the Agreement in substantial form as the basis for continued interagency discussions and public review, while reserving final authorization to execute and implement the Agreement for subsequent Town Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the September 15, 2026 Council Agenda Report, the independent studies and cost review, and the proposed Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Town of Los Gatos and the City of Saratoga.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos does hereby declare, determine, and order as follows:

1. The Town Council receives and accepts the Meliora Public Safety Consulting Transition Study for Police Services in the City of Saratoga and the independent cost model review performed by Matrix Consulting Group as part of the Town's operational and financial due diligence regarding the proposed regional law enforcement services partnership.
2. The Town Council approves the proposed regional law enforcement services partnership framework and the FY 2027-28 contract financial basis reflected in Attachment 4 to the September 15, 2026 Council Agenda Report: an annual Base Rate of \$9,392,000 for ongoing services and an estimated annual startup cost recovery installment of \$337,000, for an annualized total of \$9,729,000 before applicable simple interest and other authorized charges. If the Agreement is subsequently approved and executed, for the proposed initial service period from October 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, the Base Rate would be prorated to \$7,044,000 and the full annual startup cost recovery installment then in effect would be recovered without proration. Based on the current estimated startup installment of \$337,000, the estimated initial service period amount would be \$7,381,000 before applicable interest and other authorized charges. Any implementation budget, amortization schedule, appropriations, position authorizations, and related implementation actions remain subject to subsequent approvals as required by law, Town policy, and the Agreement.

3. The Town Council approves the proposed Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Saratoga in substantial form as presented to the Town Council on September 15, 2026, as the basis for continued interagency discussions, public review, and potential future consideration by the governing bodies of the Parties. This approval in substantial form expresses the Town Council's policy support for advancing the proposed framework for further consideration and does not constitute final authorization to execute or implement the Agreement.
4. The Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, in consultation with the Chief of Police and Town Attorney, to continue discussions and negotiations with the City of Saratoga concerning the proposed regional law enforcement services partnership and Agreement and to make revisions to the proposed Agreement for purposes of continued negotiation and future Town Council consideration. If Saratoga, following its public review and consideration process, requests that Los Gatos proceed with final consideration of the partnership, the Town Manager shall return the matter to the Town Council with the proposed final Agreement, including any revisions resulting from the continued discussions and public review, for consideration and possible final approval and authorization to execute the Agreement.
5. Nothing in this Resolution authorizes the Town Manager to execute the Agreement, commence law enforcement services in Saratoga, incur implementation obligations dependent upon execution of the Agreement, establish new positions, make a new appropriation, or otherwise bind the Town to the proposed partnership without subsequent Town Council authorization to the extent required by law or Town policy. This limitation does not restrict ordinary staff work within existing appropriations and administrative authority necessary to conduct the discussions authorized by this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 15th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA