

TOWN OF LOS GATOS

AND

LOS GATOS POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
AND
THE LOS GATOS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO AS OF October 1, 2021, BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "TOWN", AND THE LOS GATOS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "POA".

Pursuant to Town Resolution 1974-41 of the Town of Los Gatos and Section 3500 et. seq. of the Government Code, the duly authorized representatives of the Town and POA, having met and conferred in good faith concerning the issues of wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment, as herein set forth, declare their agreement to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

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**Town of Los Gatos and Los Gatos Police Officers Association
Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding
On Salaries, Fringe Benefits and Working Conditions**

Preamble

The authorized representatives of the Town of Los Gatos, hereinafter referred to as the "Town" and the authorized representatives of the Town of Los Gatos Police Officers Association hereinafter referred to as "Association" do jointly accept and agree to all the terms and conditions of employment set forth in this comprehensive memorandum of understanding pursuant to Town Resolution 1974-41 of the Town of Los Gatos.

This understanding shall apply to represented employees assigned to those classifications listed on Exhibit A when classifications are created which fall under the representation of POA, this understanding shall also apply.

The terms and conditions of employment set forth in this understanding have been discussed in good faith by the authorized representatives of the Town and the authorized representatives of the Police Officers Association. They agree to recommend acceptance by the employees of all terms and conditions set forth herein. Following said acceptance by the Association, authorized representatives of the Town agree to recommend to the Town Council that all terms and conditions set forth herein be approved by resolution. Upon adoption of said resolution, all terms and conditions so incorporated shall become effective without further action by either party.

Term

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be three years, commencing on October 1, 2021, and terminating on June 30, 2024.

Section 1. Employer-Employee Relations

The Association recognizes the existence of Town Resolution 1974-41, and its successor if any, during the term of this MOU. Recognition of any amendments to this resolution does not imply POA has agreed to the changes.

Section 2. Savings Clause

If any provision or the application of any provision of this agreement as implemented should be rendered or declared invalid by any court action or decree or by reasons of any preemptive legislation, the remaining sections of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this agreement

Section 3. Payroll Deduction

Any employee may sign and deliver to the Association an authorization for payroll deduction of membership dues. The Town agrees to remit to the Association all monies deducted accompanied by a list of workers for whom such deductions have been made and indicating any changes in personnel from the list previously furnished.

The Association shall certify in writing to the Town any changes in the amount of membership dues. The Town shall not be obligated to put into effect any new, changed, or discontinued deduction until the pay period commencing thirty (30) days or longer after such submission.

The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town against any and all suits, claims, demands, and liabilities that may arise out of, or by reason of, any action or omission of the Town in complying with this Section.

Section 4. Non-Discrimination

The Town and Association agree that all provisions of this agreement shall be applied equally to all employees covered herein without favor or discrimination because of race, religious creed, color, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), age (over 40), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, political or religious affiliation, Association membership or activity on behalf of the Association, marital status, military or veteran status, or physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, or genetic information or any other basis prohibited by applicable federal, State or Town law. Association and Town support equal employment opportunity in hiring and will support all State and Federal regulations regarding equal employment opportunity.

4.1 General Provision regarding Americans with Disabilities Act

- A. Because the ADA requires accommodations for individuals protected under the Act, the Association recognizes the Town's obligation to comply with all provisions of the ADA on a case-by-case basis.
- B. The Association recognizes that the Town has the legal obligation to meet with the individual employee to be accommodated before any adjustment is made in working conditions. The Association will be notified of these proposed accommodations.
- C. Any accommodation provided to an individual protected by the ADA shall not establish a past practice.

Section 5. Salary

5.1 Intent

It is the intent of the Town to maintain salaries and benefits at a level that attracts and retains quality employees. The parties agree that surveys of the wages and benefits of police officers performing comparable work for comparable agencies provide information useful in ensuring that the Town continues to meet this goal.

5.2 Effective Upon Approval

Effective the first full pay period after Council approval of this MOU, or as soon as practical thereafter, the salary rate for all classifications shall be increased by two percent (2%).

5.3 Effective 2022

Effective the first full pay period in July 2022, the salary rate for all classifications shall be increased by five and one-quarter percent (5.25%).

The parties agree that the combined 2022 increases represent a three percent (3%) cost of living adjustment, a market increase of three and fifteen hundredths' percent (3.15%), and an additional one and one tenths percent (1.1%) to address the passage of time since October 2021.

5.4 Effective 2023

Effective the first full pay period in July 2023, the salary rate for all classifications shall be increased by three percent (3%).

5.5 One-Time Lump Sum

Effective the first full pay period of July 2022 or the first full pay period after Council approval of the MOU, whichever is later, all employees shall receive a one-time non-pensionable lump sum payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

5.6 Pandemic Related Bonus

Effective the first full pay period of July 2022 or the first full pay period after Council approval of the MOU, whichever is later, all employees who worked for the Town in 2021 who are employed at the Town through the last day of the pay period the bonus is paid, will receive a one-time, non-pensionable lump sum payment of \$2,500.

Section 6. PERS Benefits

The Town contracts with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS or PERS) to provide Town employees with retirement benefits.

6.1 PERS 3% at 50 Retirement Option Classic Members

For employees that are not "New Members" as defined under Government Code section 7522.04(f), commonly referred to as "Classic Members," the Town provides the 3% at 50 option for members of the bargaining unit.

The Town's contract with CalPERS for the 3% at 50 option also includes the following optional benefits:

- Single Highest Year
- 1959 Survivor Benefit Level 4
- Conversion of Unused Sick Leave to Service Credit

Classic Members contribute 12% towards PERS (3% more than required by statute) in accordance with Government Code section 20516(a).

6.2 PERS 2.7% at 57 Retirement Option for New Member Employees Hired on or After January 1, 2013

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, who meet the definition of New Member under Government Code 7522.04(f), the Town provides the 2.7% at 57 retirement benefit.

The Town's contract with CalPERS for the 2.7% at 57 option also includes the following optional benefits:

- 36-month final average compensation (Gov't Code 20037)
- 1959 Survivor Benefit Level 4
- Conversion of Unused Sick Leave to Service Credit

New Members contribute toward CalPERS an amount that is equal to one half (1/2) the normal cost of their CalPERS pension as determined annually by CalPERS, or the current contribution rate of similarly situated employees, whichever is greater (Government Code 7522.30(c)).

Section 7. Education Incentive Pay

7.1 Four-Year Degree Incentive Pay

The Town shall pay two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base salary to any member who possesses a four-year degree that enhances their ability to do their job. Employees must submit proof of the four-year degree to Human Resources in order to be eligible for the payment.

7.2 Two-Year Degree Incentive Pay

For employees hired prior to June 30, 2008, the Town shall pay two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base salary to any member who possesses a two-year degree or meets the minimum requirements to obtain an Associates of Arts Degree that enhances their ability to do their job. Employees must submit proof of the two-year degree or completion of the minimum requirements to obtain an Associates of Arts Degree in a related field to Human Resources in order to be eligible for the payment. The incentive pay for a two-year degree does not stack with incentive pay for a four-year degree; the maximum education incentive pay any member may receive under this section 7 is two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base salary

7.3 Commencement of Educational Incentive Pay

Educational Incentive Pay is effective the first full pay period after the employee provides Human Resources with sufficient proof that the employee has obtained the requisite degree or education for Educational Incentive Pay.

7.4 Re-Opener

If the law changes on the education requirements for California police officers, the Town has the right to reopen this section 7.

Section 8. POST Certificate Pay

Qualified employees shall receive one of the following payment amounts in accordance with Exhibit A:

- A. Employees in their represented classifications who have been awarded an Intermediate POST Certificate: An additional 5% of base salary.
- B. Employees in their represented classifications who have been awarded an Advanced POST Certificate: An additional 2.5% of base salary for a total of 7.5%.

Section 9. Special Pays

Officers are limited to one special assignment pay or canine pay. Officers who qualify for bilingual pay may receive bilingual pay in addition to a special assignment pay or canine.

9.1 Special Assignment Pay

Town shall provide a 5% special assignment pay to Association represented personnel who are routinely and consistently assigned as follows:

9.1.1

Motorcycle Patrol Premium- for unit members who operate and/or patrol on motorcycle.

9.1.2

School Resource Officer Duty Pay – For unit members who are assigned to School Resource Officer duty.

9.1.3

Detective Division Premium- for unit members who are routinely assigned to a detective or investigative division.

9.1.4

Police Administrative Officer-for unit members who are assigned to police administration to provide support for the Police Chief and Command Staff in the operation of the Police Department.

Assignment for special pay purposes shall be done using Town Personnel Action Forms.

Association represented personnel removed from specialty positions on a temporary basis for departmental purposes and through no fault or request of their own shall continue to receive specialty pay for a maximum of 30 calendar days.

The parties agree that special assignment premiums are pensionable as determined by CalPERS.

9.2 Bilingual Pay

The Town will pay an additional 2.5% above base pay for employees who are routinely and consistently assigned to communicate in languages other than English. Bilingual pay will be for Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese and any other language designated by the Chief of Police. The Town will determine the qualifying criteria including the test and the application to the specific job assignment.

9.3 Canine Pay

Officers who are routinely and consistently assigned to handle, train and board a canine in accordance with this section are eligible for Canine Officer/Animal Premium. Officers assigned to the canine unit are required to care for, train, groom, feed, and bathe their assigned dog. The parties agree that two hours per week is a reasonable amount of time to care for the canine. The Town compensates Canine officers a total of five (5) hours per week for additional time spent caring for the canine. Two (2) hours of this additional time is outside of the regular shift. The remaining three (3) hours is provided as release time.

Call-back as defined in the MOU shall not apply for the purposes of caring for the dog. Compensation provided during the additional paid time and release time is mutually acknowledged to compensate for additional time required to care for, train, groom, feed, and bathe the assigned canine.

9.3.1 Canine Pay Premium

Compensation for the 2 hours outside of the regular shift is paid as a 5% premium on all hours worked.

9.3.2 Canine Release Time

Canine Officers on a 4-10 schedule shall be released in a paid capacity for 0.75 hours prior to the "normal" conclusion of each regularly scheduled shift (4 shifts per week equaling 3 hours per week) for the normal care of the canine, including but not limited to training, grooming, feeding, bathing, and routine veterinarian care.

Canine Officers on a 12-hour schedule shall be released in a paid capacity for 1.0 hours prior to the "normal" conclusion of each regularly scheduled shift (3 shifts per week equaling 3 hours per week) for the normal care of the canine, including but not limited to training, grooming, feeding, bathing, and routine veterinarian care.

In the event that a Canine Officer is not released in sufficient time prior to the conclusion of his or her shift, the officer will be paid for additional time after the end of shift to compensate them for 0.75 or 1.0 hours of Canine care time as appropriate. The Town recognizes that this may result in overtime.

9.3.3 Commute Time with Canine

Commute time with the canine shall not be considered working time. If there is an event requiring emergency veterinarian care, travel to the veterinarian will be compensable work time.

9.4 Field Training Officer Training Premium

In addition to the above special pays, officers assigned by the Chief of Police as Field Training Officers shall also receive the 5% incentive whenever providing training to a Department member for which a training observation report is required or when completing special assignments directly related to the Field Training Officer Program with prior approval of the Chief of Police. Attendance at FTO meetings, training provided at briefings, or other training provided in conjunction with the Department's annual Advanced Officer Training or other on-going general training to Department members does not qualify for the 5% incentive.

9.5 Trailing Canine Pay

Officers that personally own a certified and properly equipped Trailing Canine and have been identified as a Department Trailing Canine Handler will provide the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department with the use of the Trailing Canine when tracking, trailing and related canine services are required. Deployment of the Trailing Canine Team may be requested for location of missing persons, fugitive apprehension and evidence recovery. With the approval of the Chief of Police, the Trailing Canine Team may also be deployed to other jurisdictions. Trailing Canine Handlers are responsible for the maintenance and care of the canine, in addition to recurring in-service training, at no cost to the Town.

9.5.1 Trailing Canine Premium

Officers will receive a five percent (5%) specialty pay premium only during approved deployment and use of services and will submit an approved time sheet noting the specialty pay during the pay period in which the services were rendered. Special assignment premiums are pensionable as determined by CalPERS.

The Town will reimburse Officers up to, but not to exceed, \$150.00 per month premium for private pet insurance. Officers will submit receipts for payment on a quarterly basis to Finance — Accounts Payable for reimbursement. The Town will also reimburse Officers for insurance deductible payments up to \$250.00 per injury/illness incurred to canine while deployed for use on Town assignments.

9.5.2 Trailing Canine Training

Trailing Canine Handlers will maintain required recurring in-service training and associated records, within the scope of policies and procedures of the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department. Officers will be reimbursed for annual canine recertification course registration fees not to exceed \$800.00 per year. Officers are responsible for cost of travel, lodging, and per-diem related to the annual recertification course.

Up to 40-hours of paid release time annually will be allowed to attend re-certification course. The approved re-certification course constitutes scheduled Department training for which the release time will be honored.

9.6 Posting for Special Assignments

Any opening for a special assignment shall be posted for a minimum of two weeks, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise.

Section 10. Acting Sergeant Pay

Police Officers working as acting supervisors shall be compensated at Step "4" of the Sergeant's rate of pay. Town shall periodically review the actual time use of acting supervisor designations in order to determine the necessity of additional permanent supervisory personnel.

Section 11. Reimbursement of Expenses

The Town shall pay claims for reimbursement within 30 days following the complete and accurate submission of claims as approved by the Finance Director.

Section 12. Tuition Reimbursement

Town will reimburse 100% of the cost of books, university/school fees (except parking) and tuition. Tuition and school fees shall be reimbursed up to the full-time rates of San Jose State University at applicable Undergraduate or Graduate rates per school term. The maximum reimbursement per employee per fiscal year is equivalent to two (2) semesters.

The reimbursement shall be only for courses that are directly related to the employee's position as determined by the Town Manager, including general education courses that are generally related to attainment of a job-related degree or certification. General education courses not generally related to the employee's position will not be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement shall be taxed pursuant to the State and Federal Regulations.

Application for Tuition Reimbursement shall be made to the Town before the course begins. Prior to reimbursement of costs, all course work must be completed with a passing grade of "C" or equivalent when numerical score or pass/fail is given. Individuals requesting reimbursement must currently be employed by the Town to be eligible for reimbursement.

Any employee who terminates employment with the Town within one year from the completion of a class or classes, for which tuition reimbursement was paid, shall refund all tuition paid under this provision, unless required to attend by the appointing authority.

Section 13. Health and Welfare Benefits and Rate of Town Contribution

The Town contracts with CalPERS for the purpose of providing employees and their eligible dependents with medical insurance benefits. The Town's maximum monthly contribution for each eligible active employee shall be equal to the minimum employer contribution required under Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), currently \$149 per month, as may be adjusted by CalPERS from year to year.

13.1 Cafeteria Plan

During the term of the MOU, the Town agrees to maintain a Cafeteria Plan, pursuant to Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, for the purpose of providing eligible active employees with access to various health and welfare benefits. Benefits available through the Cafeteria Plan include medical insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance and life insurance benefits.

13.2 Dental

Employees choosing this option instead of Cash-in-Lieu will be provided 100% of the Delta Dental DPO Plan premium less a \$15.00 employee contribution. If the premium cost of the dental plan exceeds the Town contribution, the employee shall pay through payroll deductions the difference between the monthly premium and the amount contributed by the Town. The Town will pay 100% of the premium for employees choosing to participate in the DeltaCare USA Plan.

13.3 Medical

The Town will provide active employees with a medical allowance equal to 100% of the cost of the Kaiser Bay Area Medical Insurance Program premium offered by the Public Employees' Retirement System Health Benefit Medical Program at the Employee Only level of participation. For dependents, the Town will pay 90% of the difference between Kaiser Employee Only and Kaiser level of participation (Employee Plus One or Employee Family, depending on family status). If the employee chooses medical coverage under a program more expensive than Kaiser Bay Area, the employee will pay the difference between the Town-provided medical allowance and the cost of the more expensive program through payroll deduction.

The Town's contribution towards medical insurance set forth in Section 13 (the PEMHCA minimum) will be deducted from the amount of contribution provided by this Section.

13.4 Vision

The Town shall pay for employee-only coverage under the Town's Vision Service Plan (VSP). Employees may enroll eligible dependents at their own cost.

13.5 Cash-In-Lieu Plan

Employees have the option of choosing all available coverages or, upon providing proof of other medical coverage, may choose to opt out of the Town's coverage and be provided with cash-in-lieu.

Employees who choose to receive the cash-in-lieu must first show proof of alternative minimum essential medical coverage for the employee and employee's tax family (individuals for whom the employee expects to claim a personal exemption deduction). Individual coverage, and individual coverage from Covered California does not qualify as alternative minimum essential coverage under this section. Employees must provide reasonable evidence of alternative minimum essential coverage each plan year, during open enrollment. The Town will not make the cash payment if it knows or has reason to know that the employee or tax family does not have alternative minimum essential coverage. Any amount received in cash is taxable. Employees choosing to receive taxable cash will have the option of receiving it in two equal amounts in December and June, or the first two paychecks of each month (24 times a year).

- For employees hired before January 1, 2006, the Town contribution to the Cash-In-Lieu program will be equal to Nine Hundred and Twenty-two Dollars (\$922) per month.
- For employees hired after January 1, 2006, the Town contribution to the Cash-In-Lieu program will be Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) per month.

The parties agree to meet and confer at the Town's request on any changes that are within the mandatory scope of bargaining related to its Town sponsored Medical Insurance and Cash In-Lieu Plan that may be related to the compliance and implementation of the Affordable Care Act or the Fair Labor Standards Act as it relates to the regular rate of pay for overtime.

13.6 Supplemental Health and Welfare Benefits

- Life:** Coverage of \$50,000 plus \$50,000 accidental death: Town to pay for premium. Additional life insurance may be purchased by the employee equal to once or twice the employee's base salary, not to exceed \$200,000.
- Disability:** Short Term Disability Policy effective 8th calendar day; coverage of 60% of weekly earnings up to maximum of \$1,300/week for 13 weeks. Long Term Disability benefits begin on the 91st day of disability; coverage of 60% of monthly earnings up to a maximum of \$6,000/month.
- Employee Assistance Program:** Premiums shall be paid by the Town.
- Unemployment Insurance:** Premiums shall be paid by the Town to provide State coverage.

Section 14. Retiree Health

The Town provides retiree health benefits in accordance with the PEMHCA for employees who qualify as eligible PERS retirees who receive a PERS retirement allowance and are PEMHCA annuitants entitled to such benefits under the PEMHCA.

The Town's maximum monthly contribution for each eligible annuitant shall be equal to the minimum employer contribution required under the PEMHCA, currently \$149 per month, as may be adjusted by CalPERS from year to year. The provisions of PEMHCA will govern medical insurance coverage for annuitants.

14.1 Retiree Health Benefit for Eligible Retirees Hired on or Before October 1, 2018

An employee hired on or prior to October 1, 2018, or provided with a final offer confirmation of employment prior to October 1, 2018, is eligible for Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) retiree health benefits in accordance with this Section.

14.1.1

The employee retired from the Town taking a service or disability retirement from CalPERS as a retiree receiving a PERS retirement allowance and is a PEMHCA annuitant; and,

14.1.2

The employee must actually draw a CalPERS pension within ninety (90) days of separation from the Town, provided the employee remains with the Town's health plan through COBRA.

14.1.3

The amount of the supplemental retiree health benefit allowance will be equal to 100% of the cost of the premium for Kaiser Bay Area Retiree Only and 90% of the difference between the Kaiser Employee Only and Kaiser level of participation (Employee Plus One or Employee Family, depending on family status). The Town will pay \$ \$1,947.16 per month towards a Retiree Plus One or More plan, as of the 2022 plan year. This amount will increase by \$100.00 each year until it is equal to the active employee contribution.

14.1.4

The Town's contribution towards retiree health insurance set forth in Section 14 (the PEMHCA minimum) will be deducted from the amount of contribution provided by this Section (14.1).

14.1.5

Employees retiring on or after February 1, 2016 and upon becoming eligible for Medicare will cease to receive any retiree health benefit allowance under this Section (14.1) and will become eligible for Supplemental Medicare equal to the cost of Kaiser Senior Advantage Bay Area Medicare rates up to a maximum of 100% Retiree Only, 90% for Retiree Plus One or 90% for Retiree Plus One or More less the amount of the employee contribution provided under Section 14 (the PEMHCA minimum). This benefit is available to the eligible retired employee only after he or she has reached the age of 65 and is Medicare eligible or as otherwise specified by law.

14.1.6

The benefits described by this Section (14.1) will be provided to annuitants through CalPERS by means of a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA).

14.2 Retiree Health Benefit for Eligible Retirees Hired After October 1, 2018

The Association will establish participation in a retiree medical plan administered by the PORAC Retiree Medical Trust (PORAC RMT). This agreement to participate will apply to every employee, represented by the Association, hired by the Town after October 1, 2018. The cost of establishing and maintaining the Trust shall be at no cost to the Town, including administrative fees. The Town is not a party to the Trust, aside from transferring funds, and has no obligations to the management, regulatory compliance or performance of the trust. In the event the Trust becomes insolvent or unable to pay, the Town has no financial obligation to the Trust or the contributing members of the Association.

The Town will transfer a monthly employee contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each Association member deducted in fifty dollars (\$50.00) increments from the first two paychecks of each month (24 times per year). These contributions shall be on a pre-tax basis if permitted by law. As each member will contribute the same predetermined dollar amount, no member election forms designating the amount will be needed, allowed or

requested; and there shall be no member election available to take the member contribution amount in cash, or to determine the member contribution amount. These contributions shall be included as salary for purpose of calculating retirement benefits as determined by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

The Town will comply with reasonable procedures set by the Trust Office with regard to reporting and depositing the required contributions set forth above, typically involving providing the Trust Office with the name, social security number and amount paid for each Association member. In the event that the reporting requirement of the Trust requires reporting beyond that which the Town typically provides, the Town may require the Association to pay for any costs related to programing or producing such reports. Prior to engaging in any activity that could result in such an expense, the Town will secure the Association's authorization

The Association agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the Town harmless from any liabilities of any nature which may arise as a result of the operating of the PORAC RMT, except for the obligation of the Town to make and report the non-elective transfer of Association member contributions as described above.

The monies contributed to the Trust fund shall only be used for retiree health insurance premiums or health care expenses, as allowed by law. There shall be no Association member election/option available to take such amount in unrestricted cash.

The purpose of this Trust shall be to provide for retiree health care expense reimbursement benefits. The Trust shall be and remain separate and apart from any Town health insurance funding program, unless changed by mutual written agreement of the parties. The contributions set forth above, unless otherwise dictated by law or rules set forth by CalPERS, shall be included as salary for purpose of calculating pension benefits.

The Town hereby acknowledges receipt of the Trust Agreement governing the Trust. The Town will cooperate with the Trust in allowing a payroll audit only for the purpose of ascertaining if the proper number of contributions have been made.

Section 15. Uniforms

The Town will provide a full set of uniforms and equipment (per Department Uniform Policy) to each new employee. The Town will replace authorized uniform items damaged in the performance of duty as approved by the Chief of Police.

The Town will pay bargaining unit employees a uniform allowance of One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115) per month (paid the first two pay periods of each month) for the repair, maintenance, and replacement of uniforms.

Section 16. Mileage Reimbursement

Employees using personal vehicles on official Town business shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate established by the I.R.S. Private vehicles used for Town business shall comply with the California Vehicle Code.

Mileage reimbursement requests must be submitted within 30 days of the date accrued.

Section 17. Payroll Periods

The Town and Association agree to the continuation of a biweekly payroll period. The following conditions are in effect:

- A. Employee pay shall not be withheld more than seven (7) calendar days from the end of the payroll period, however, a maximum of two days overtime may appear on the next payroll period if it is worked following the submittal of time sheets, or during a pay period with a Town holiday which requires early submittal of time sheets and early distribution (before Friday) of pay checks. This may also occur at the end of the fiscal or calendar year.
- B. The Town shall provide an optional electronic check deposit system for use by employees.

Section 18. Paychecks

Payroll deductions and accruals shall appear on all paychecks.

Section 19. Deferred Compensation

The Town shall continue to offer a program of deferred compensation to its members in the represented classifications. The Town makes no representation on the merit of the plan nor any of the investment products or instruments which may be offered by the plan. The responsibility for evaluating the options within the plan is the responsibility of the individual participant. The Town shall not be obligated to offer more than one Deferred Compensation carrier.

Section 20. Overtime

Overtime is time worked beyond any scheduled work shift.

All overtime worked shall be compensated at time and one-half. The employee may choose whether overtime shall be paid in cash or accumulated as Compensatory Time Off (CTO), subject to a maximum accumulated CTO of one hundred and forty (140) hours.

On or before the pay period which includes December 15 of each calendar year, an employee may make an irrevocable election to cash out up to 40 hours of CTO twice per year (paid at the regular rate of pay in whole hour increments) which will be earned in the following calendar year. In the first full pay period of June and December in the following year, the employee will receive cash for the amount of CTO the employee elected to cash out in the prior year. However, if the employee's CTO balance is less than the amount the employee elected to cash out (in the prior calendar year) the employee will receive cash for the amount of the CTO the employee has accrued at the time of the cash out.

Annual review of the impact of those changes will occur to determine if there is any adverse impact on scheduling.

For private duty contracts, officers may only receive pay.

Overtime is to be approved by a supervisor as soon as practical. Overtime payroll sheets are the responsibility of the employee to have approved and forwarded to the division commander by the appropriate payroll deadline.

Section 21. Duty Extension

Compensation is made for actual time worked and shall be computed in minimum quarter-hour blocks.

Personnel whose work hours would normally terminate within one hour or less from the time of the scheduled court, meeting, or training commencement will be compensated from the termination of their normal work hour through the termination of the scheduled event.

Duty extension is paid at time and one half.

Section 22. Call Back

Requests that personnel return to duty, attend mandatory meetings, court appearances and training classes are call backs and compensated at a 3-hour minimum or actual time, whichever is greater. Mandatory meetings where a minimum of two weeks' notice has been given are not a call back and will be compensated at a one (1) hour minimum or actual time worked whichever is greater.

Call backs for officers assigned to Watch I (midnight shift) who have worked the night before shall receive a minimum of 4 hours.

Personnel are considered on duty for the duration of a call back.

Court appearances-hearings-depositions: Required off duty attendance at judicial or administrative hearings is compensated at a 3-hour minimum (4 hours for midnight if shift worked the night before appearance), or actual time, whichever is greater. Should there be more than one appearance, including separate court locations, within the 3- or 4-hour time period, only one minimum will be granted.

Call back is paid at time and one half.

Section 23. Vacation Schedule

The following vacation schedule shall apply to all employees:

Months of Employment	Accrual Days Per Year	Accrual Hours Per Pay Period
0 to 36	10	3.08
37 to 60	15	4.62
61 to 120	20	6.46
121 to 180	23	7.08
181 months	25	7.70

Maximum accrual of vacation hours shall be 344 hours.

On or before the pay period which includes December 15 of each calendar year, an employee may make an irrevocable election to cash out up to 80 hours of vacation twice per year (in whole hour increments) which will be earned in the following calendar year. In the first full pay period of June and December in the following year, the employee will receive cash for the amount of vacation the employee irrevocably elected to cash out in the prior year. However, if the employee's vacation balance is less than the amount the employee elected to cash out (in the prior calendar year) the employee will receive cash for the amount of vacation the employee has accrued at the time of the cash out.

Section 24. Vacation and Compensatory Time Off Cash-out

Employees who terminate from Town service shall have all accrued vacation and compensatory time off cashed-out. This will terminate their status as an employee of the Town.

Section 25. Shift and Vacation Selection Procedures

Patrol shift selection and vacation bidding shall commence approximately ten weeks prior to shift change, unless circumstances require otherwise.

The Town agrees to continue efforts to transition to an online mechanism for shift and vacation selection.

Due to the Association's concerns regarding changes to the vacation selection procedure that arose due to sworn staffing shortages and its effect on officer access to vacation, the parties agree to meet to discuss shift and vacation selection procedures during the month of July 2022. Upon request by the Union, the parties will promptly meet and confer on the limited issue of the Department's vacation selection procedure. Any changes to the existing vacation selection procedure will be by mutual agreement.

Section 26. Holidays and Holiday Pay

The following holidays will be observed by non-uniform personnel:

- January 1.
- the third Monday in January.
- the third Monday in February.
- the last Monday in May.
- Juneteenth.
- July 4.
- the first Monday in September.
- Thanksgiving Day.
- the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.
- December 25.
- Four hours on December 24 and December 31
- Every day declared a Holiday by the Mayor as a result of a national holiday declared by the President or State Governor.

Holidays which fall on Saturday shall be observed on the Friday prior and holidays which fall on Sunday shall be observed on the following Monday.

Uniform personnel assigned to shift work (Patrol and Traffic) shall receive compensation in-lieu of holiday time off equal to eighty (80) hours of base pay annually. Employees shall have the option of taking Holiday leave off equal to eighty hours (80) or receive in-lieu compensation. If the employee selects to receive in-lieu compensation, forty (40) hours of holiday pay will be received in the last payroll of November and the second forty (40) hours will be received in the last payroll of May and will be included on the regular check. In-lieu holiday pay shall cease whenever an employee is reassigned to other than shift work. The employee shall observe holidays as described above. In the event that an additional holiday is observed by the Town during the term of this agreement, the in-lieu compensation shall be increased by the additional hours holiday time made available to non-uniform personnel (the language of this paragraph becomes null and void effective January 1, 2019).

Effective the first full pay period of July 2022 or the first full pay period after Council approval of the MOU, whichever is later, in recognition of Juneteenth, holiday in-lieu pay will be increased by 0.4%, to total 4.4%.

Effective the first full pay period of July 2022 or the first full pay period after Council approval of the MOU, whichever is later, employees will receive a one-time, non-pensionable lump sum payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for foregoing the Juneteenth holiday prior to 2023.

Section 27. Personal Leave

Employees shall have the option of either taking personal leave off equal to twenty-four (24) hours of base pay annually or receiving in-lieu compensation equal to same if the personal leave is not used by the end of November. Employees may use personal leave hours during the month of December; however, employees desiring to receive compensation for those hours shall do so in conjunction with the annual cash out in November.

Section 28. Sick Leave

Accumulation rate shall be 8 hours per month (3.70 hours per pay period) with a maximum accrual of 1180 hours. The Town may require association represented employees to provide a doctor statement of proof of illness for any use of sick leave beyond one working day.

Section 29. Sick Leave Cash-Out Program

29.1 Annual Sick Leave Cash-Out for Employees Hired Prior to October 1, 2018

On or before the pay period which includes December 15 of each calendar year, employees eligible to cash out under this section may make an irrevocable election to cash out up to 40 hours of their accumulated sick leave at 50% of current salary two times per year (in whole hour increments) which will be earned in the following calendar year. In the first full pay period of June and December in the following year, the employee will receive cash for the amount of sick leave the employee irrevocably elected to cash out in the prior year. However, if the employee's sick leave balance is less than the amount the employee elected to cash out (in the prior calendar year) the employee will receive cash for the amount of sick leave the employee has accrued at the time of the cash out.

29.2 Sick Leave Cash-Out Upon Termination for Employees Hired Prior to October 1, 2018

Employees who terminate employment with the Town for any reason other than retirement or disciplinary termination, may cash-out their accumulated sick leave as follows:

Months of Employment	
1-59 months	25%
60-119 months	37.5%
120 months or more	50%

In order to be eligible for the sick leave cash-out program, an employee must have a sick leave accrual balance of at least 200 hours at the time of termination.

29.3 Unused Sick Leave Upon Retirement

Upon retirement, eligible employees may choose from the following options:

1. **Eligible employees may convert unused sick time to service credit in accordance with provisions established by CalPERS.**
2. **Sick Leave Cash Out for Employees Hired Prior to October 1, 2018**
All eligible employees who retire with a sick leave accrual balance of at least 200 hours may elect to be paid in cash in accordance with the same provisions as Section 28.2 Sick Leave Cash-Out Upon Termination.
3. **Sick Leave Conversion for Employees Hired Prior to January 1, 2009**
All employees who retire with a sick leave accrual balance of at least 200 hours may convert 100% of this accumulated sick leave to a dollar equivalent at their hourly rate of pay at the time of retirement. This amount shall be held in an account. The employee's portion of the medical insurance premium payment will be withheld from their monthly retirement payment by PERS.

The Town agrees to pay the retiree quarterly in advance on the first pay period of January, April, July, and October of each year after retirement. The first payment will be pro-rated to the nearest quarter.

Retiree's (including dependents of the retiree) portion of medical payments will be paid from this account by the Town until all monies are depleted from the account.

This account will not accrue interest and will not be paid in cash to the retiree or any beneficiaries. The retirees shall be responsible for 100% of their share of future medical insurance premiums once the account is exhausted.

Section 30. Military Leave

Military leave and benefits shall be granted in accordance with State and Federal Law, including the continuation of employee salary and benefits if applicable.

Generally, employees with more than one year service will receive up to thirty (30) calendar days of paid military leave annually while engaged in military duty ordered for purposes of active military training.

Section 31. Bereavement/Compassion Leave

Up to 40 hours available per occurrence – use limited to spouse, parent, grandparent, child, or sibling by blood or marriage. It is recognized that bereavement/compassion leave is separate from employee's accumulated sick leave, vacation or CTO.

Section 32. Leave Without Pay

Leave without pay shall be subject to approval of the Chief of Police and the Town Manager.

An employee who is on leave without pay shall not earn any employment benefits (including, but not limited to, such benefits as vacation leave, medical benefits, sick leave, retirement, credit for time employed or seniority entitlement of any kind) for the duration of such leave.

Vacation or sick leave or time worked shall not be used intermittently during an extended leave to interrupt a determination that an employee is on leave without pay.

The Town may, at its discretion, approve leave beyond the specific amount provided above.

Section 33. Accrual of Benefits

Benefits shall not accrue to employees on unauthorized leave, suspension without pay, or leave without pay.

Section 34. Workers' Compensation

Employees shall be provided benefits in compliance with State law.

Section 35. Jury Duty

Employee salary and benefits shall be continued during jury duty; employee turns over to the Town any compensation from the courts or other source of jury duty on regular workdays.

Section 36. Outside Employment

Outside employment shall be subject to approval of the Chief of Police and the Town Manager, subject to the following limitations: no security work within Town limits; no use of Los Gatos uniform, badge, ID, or Los Gatos issued items; vacation or CTO to be used for court appearances resulting from private employment. Approval must be obtained prior to engaging in the outside employment and shall be renewed prior to July 1 of each year.

Section 37. Residency Requirement

There is no residency requirement for represented employees.

Section 38. Layoff Policy

Association recognizes the right of the Town to determine the resources to be made available to the police department. Although a reduction in force (layoff) is not anticipated, it is recognized that it is the sole right of the Town to determine when such reductions in force are necessary.

Reductions in force shall be by classification with the determination of affected employees by the Town based on seniority counted as total time employed by the Town. Affected employees shall be provided a minimum thirty (30) calendar days' notice of layoff.

Employees in the classification of Police Sergeant and designated for layoff shall have the right to return to positions previously held with the Town and represented by the Association.

Section 39. Vehicles

Town shall advise POA no later than sixty days prior to Town development of vehicle specifications for patrol vehicles. POA shall submit recommended specifications for vehicle purchase no later than thirty (30) days after receiving the notice from the Town.

Section 40. Promotions

The Town and Association agree that it is in the best interest of both the Town and its employees to foster promotion of incumbent employees.

The Town and Association recognize the Town's sole right to determine the examination process for the selection of Town employees. Qualified employees who are invited to participate in the examination process shall be allowed up to two (2) hours of time-off from regularly scheduled work in order to participate in the examination process if the examination process is scheduled during the employee's normal work period.

To the best of its ability, the Town shall maintain a current promotional list for the positions of Police Corporal and Police Sergeant.

Any opening for Police Corporal or Police Sergeant positions shall be posted for a minimum of three weeks, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise.

Section 41. Probationary Period

The Town and the Association agree that all original appointments to the rank of Police Officer will include a probationary period of 18 months from date of hire to allow the department to fully evaluate the officer following the academy and FTO training.

Individuals hired as a lateral transfer must have a valid P.O.S.T. Basic Certificate at the time of hire and will be subject to a 12-month probationary period.

Any individual on an 18-month probationary period will be eligible to receive a step increase after 12 months.

All promotional appointments to the positions of Corporal and Sergeant shall be subject to satisfactory completion by the employee of a 12-month probationary period.

The Chief of Police may extend the probationary period of an employee for a period not to exceed an additional six (6) months.

Section 42. Performance Evaluations

Performance evaluations shall take place at least every three (3) months for all probationary employees and shall take place at least annually thereafter on the anniversary of an employee's employment with the Town. Employees eligible for step increases shall receive their performance evaluation no later than fifteen (15) days prior to their employment anniversary date.

All performance evaluations shall be discussed with the employee prior to the evaluation being completed. Employees may sign their individual performance evaluations as evidence of discussion having taken place; employee signature does not necessarily imply agreement with the evaluation. If an employee chooses not to sign an evaluation, the supervisor will note that the employee has read the evaluation and chooses not to sign. An employee may attach separate written comments to their evaluation.

Section 43. Reinstatement

Subject to the approval of the Town Manager, a permanent employee who has resigned from employment with the Town may be reinstated within two (2) years of their resignation to their former position, if vacant. Upon reinstatement, the employee shall be considered as though they had received an original appointment, unless other conditions are made a part of the reinstatement by the Town Manager.

Section 44. Re-Employment

The names of employees affected by layoff shall be placed on appropriate re-employment lists in the order of total continuous cumulative time served in paid status. Such names shall remain thereon for a period of eighteen (18) months unless such persons are sooner re-employed. When a re-employment list is to be used to fill vacancies, the Personnel Officer shall certify from the top of such list the number of names equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, and the appointing power shall appoint such persons to fill the vacancies.

Section 45. Grievance Procedures

Grievances shall be defined as alleged violations of this agreement or disputes regarding interpretations, application, or enforcement of this agreement to Town ordinances, resolutions, and written policies related to personnel policies and working conditions. Grievances shall not include disagreements, disputes, or activities regarding or pertaining to examinations for employment or promotion, disciplinary action, performance evaluations, and probationary terminations.

No act or activity which may be grievable may be considered for resolution unless a grievance is filed in accordance with the procedure contained herein within sixty (60) calendar days of the date the grievable activity occurred or the date the employee could reasonably have known such activity occurred. The provision for the sixty (60) days "statute of limitations" shall not apply to probationary employees.

The parties agree that all grievances will be processed in accordance with the following procedure:

Any employee who has a grievance shall first try to get it settled through discussion with their immediate supervisor without undue delay. Every effort shall be made to find an acceptable solution at the lowest possible level of supervision. If after such discussion the employee does not believe the grievance has been satisfactorily resolved, they may file a formal appeal in writing to the command officer responsible for supervision of the employee's immediate supervisor within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the informal decision of their immediate supervisor. The command officer shall respond within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of the appeal.

If the employee does not believe the grievance has been satisfactorily resolved by the command officer, the employee may then file a formal appeal in writing to the Chief of Police within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the informal decision of the command officer. The Chief of Police shall render his written decision within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the appeal.

If after receipt of the written decision of the Chief of Police, the employee is still dissatisfied, they may appeal the decision of the Chief to the Town Manager. Such appeal shall be made by filing a written appeal to the Town Manager within five (5) days after the receipt of the written decision of the Chief. The Town shall render a written decision within twenty (20) working days after the appeal is made.

If after receipt of the written decision of the Town Manager the employee is still dissatisfied, he/she/they may appeal the decision of the Town Manager to the Personnel Board. Such appeal shall be made by filing a written appeal to the Chair of the Personnel Board within five (5) days after receipt of the written decision of the Town Manager.

The Personnel Board shall establish a hearing date within 30 days of receipt of the written appeal. The Personnel Board shall conduct a closed hearing giving opportunity for presentation by the employee or their representative and the Town Manager. The Personnel Board shall render a written decision within 30 days after the appeal is made. If after receipt of the written decision of the Personnel Board, the employee is still dissatisfied, they may appeal the decision of the Personnel Board to the Town Council. Such appeal shall be made by filing a written appeal with the Mayor. The Mayor shall schedule a closed hearing with the Town Council within 30 days after receipt of the appeal. At this hearing, the employee and the Town Manager may make presentations. The Town Council decision shall be final. The Town Council shall render a decision within 30 days after the hearing. An open hearing may be conducted by the Personnel Board or Town Council with mutual consent of the Town and person(s) filing the grievance.

The time limitations for filing and responding to grievances may be waived or extended by mutual agreement of the parties. If either party to the grievance so requests, an informal hearing shall be conducted at the Chief of Police or Town Manager appeal levels. Employees may be represented by counsel or other person at any stage in the grievance process.

Section 46. Attendance

Employees shall be in attendance at their work in accordance with the rules regarding hours of work, holidays and leave.

An employee whose absence is not authorized will not receive pay or benefits for the absent period and shall be subject to discipline. Failure on the part of an employee absent without leave to return to duty shall be grounds for discharge. It shall be the responsibility of an employee absent without leave to notify the department head of the reason the employee is absent and of the employee's availability for duty.

Section 47. Completeness of MOU

The Town and the Association acknowledge and agree to abide by the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

Section 48. Association Notification or Communications

The Town and the Department will make every reasonable effort to keep the Association President informed on issues related to the working conditions of the Association members.

Section 49. Labor-Management Committee

As part of a continuing effort to promote healthy labor relations, the Department and the Association shall establish a Police Labor-Management Committee to meet on at least a quarterly basis to promote open communication and the sharing of information. It is the intent of the parties that the Chief or designee and the Association President or designee will attend these meetings.

Section 50. Catastrophic Time Bank

If an employee is catastrophically ill or injured, or if the spouse or child of such employee becomes catastrophically ill or injured, the employee may request of the Town Manager that a catastrophic time bank be established. This request should be in writing. The catastrophic time bank will enable other employees to donate accrued CTO, holiday credits, or vacation credits to the requesting employee in accordance with departmental policies.

Specific procedures for the administration of the catastrophic time bank will be developed by the department.

Section 51. Me Too Clause

The Town shall not enter into an agreement with another bargaining unit, local union or management unit so that unit, local or bargaining unit can receive any compensation related to any salary or total compensation increase obtained by the POA.

SALARY SCHEDULE EXHIBIT A

Town of Los Gatos
Salary Schedule for Police Officers' Association Classifications
Effective June 12, 2022

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
2520	Police Sergeant (Prior) <i>Appointment before 03/01/2015</i>	04-0721	1	\$66.43
			2	\$69.75
			3	\$73.24
			4	\$76.90
			5	\$80.75

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
2521	Police Sergeant (New) <i>Appointment after 03/01/2015</i>	05-0721	1	\$66.43
			2	\$69.75
			3	\$73.24
			4	\$76.90

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
7500	Police Corporal	03-0715	1	\$55.12
			2	\$57.88
			3	\$60.77
			4	\$63.81
			5	\$67.00

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
7510	Police Officer	02-0711	1	\$52.50
			2	\$55.13
			3	\$57.89
			4	\$60.78
			5	\$63.82

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
9519	Police Trainee *	01-0710	1	\$49.88
	<i>* 95% of Step 1 of Police Officer Classification (Provisional Employee with Misc PERS)</i>			

Reflects General Increase of 2%.

SALARY SCHEDULE EXHIBIT B

Town of Los Gatos
Salary Schedule for Police Officers' Association Classifications
Effective July 10, 2022

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
2520	Police Sergeant (Prior) <i>Appointment before 03/01/2015</i>	04-0721	1	\$69.92
			2	\$73.42
			3	\$77.09
			4	\$80.94
			5	\$84.99

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
2521	Police Sergeant (New) <i>Appointment after 03/01/2015</i>	05-0721	1	\$69.92
			2	\$73.42
			3	\$77.09
			4	\$80.94

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
7500	Police Corporal	03-0715	1	\$58.01
			2	\$60.91
			3	\$63.96
			4	\$67.16
			5	\$70.52

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
7510	Police Officer	02-0711	1	\$55.26
			2	\$58.02
			3	\$60.92
			4	\$63.97
			5	\$67.17

Class Code	Classification Title	Range	Step	Hourly Rate
9519	Police Trainee *	01-0710	1	\$52.50
	<i>* 95% of Step 1 of Police Officer Classification (Provisional Employee with Misc PERS)</i>			

Reflects General Increase of 5.25%.