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To: The City Council City of Amador City

From: Tom DuBois, City Manager, City of Sutter Creek

RE: Exploratory Discussion Regarding Shared Police Services

Dear Members of the Amador City City Council,

I am writing to you today to initiate a neighborly conversation regarding the potential for the City of Sutter Creek to provide contracted police services to Amador City.

At this stage, this is **not a formal proposal**. Rather, it is an invitation to explore a partnership that we believe could result in a distinct "win-win" for both of our communities. Before investing administrative time in drafting a formal proposal, we wish to gauge the Council's interest and understand any specific priorities, questions, or concerns you or your residents may have.

The Motivation for Sutter Creek Sutter Creek deeply values maintaining its own independent Police Department. We believe that local control allows for a higher level of community-oriented policing that aligns with our city's character. However, like many municipalities, we are focused on long-term fiscal responsibility. We are currently exploring ways to create a more sustainable budget by increasing the scale of our operations. By extending our service area, we can maintain high-quality staffing and resources more efficiently than we can alone.

The Potential Benefit to Amador City We believe this partnership makes sense primarily due to our geography. Given the immediate proximity of our two cities, a Sutter Creek police officer is often just minutes—or even seconds—away from Amador City. We believe we can offer:

- **High Responsiveness:** Rapid response times due to our shared border.
- **Community Alignment:** Our departments share similar values regarding small-town, community-focused law enforcement.
- **Cost Efficiency:** A shared model can often provide higher service levels at a competitive cost compared to other alternatives.

The Sutter Creek Police Department has a philosophy of continued community engagement and a history of high visibility walking downtown and relationship building with our residents, business owners and guests. We believe that this organic and established pattern of community engagement and presence would prove beneficial to Amador City.

Next Steps We are interested in knowing if the Amador City Council is open to exploring this concept. Specifically, we would welcome the opportunity to:

1. Hear your initial thoughts on the feasibility of such an arrangement.
2. Understand what specific concerns or service requirements would need to be addressed in a formal proposal.

I'd ask that the Council discuss this item during an upcoming council meeting. We look forward to the possibility of working together to keep both our communities safe and fiscally sound.

Sincerely,

Tom DuBois

City Manager City of Sutter Creek