

RESOLUTION NO. 14-020

**DECLARING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PACIFIC GROVE AND THE SUPPORT OF THE PACIFIC GROVE COMMUNITY
FOR CHIEF VICKI L. H. MYERS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the highest levels of public safety are achieved only as a partnership between a community and its law enforcement professionals; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Grove has enjoyed a deep and longstanding collaboration between the community and the department; and

WHEREAS, this long-standing collaboration has led to Pacific Grove having the distinction of consistently being the safest City in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, this commendable safety record is a benefit to Pacific Grove citizens and those members of other communities who come to visit; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous challenges to the City's ability to continue its status as the safest City, including the State's prison and jail realignment measures, the lingering effects of the economic recession, and changing demographics; and

WHEREAS, these current challenges will evolve and new ones are certain to arise; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain as a highly safe City, the department and the community will need to work even more collaboratively to monitor existing challenges, anticipate potential challenges, and develop workable solutions to these challenges; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these current and upcoming challenges, the City contracted in July 2012 with the City of Seaside for the top-quality services of Police Chief Vicki L. H. Myers; and

WHEREAS, Chief Myers brought a new management and supervisory style to the department, one that holds every person in the department—especially herself—accountable for meeting exacting standards for the performance of their duties, and for the nature and scope of services offered to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City is able to recruit high-quality law enforcement professionals who desire to work for Chief Myers. As a result, great new people have come on board, adding their skills and knowledge to the existing team; and

WHEREAS, the department has achieved numerous accomplishments in the 22 months since the arrival of Chief Myers, including: a Gun Buy Back Event; a Pharmacy Drug Take-Back Event; the alignment of practices with CJIS requirements, the alignment of Reserve Officer

Classifications with California POST requirements, the development of a traffic training and enforcement program, the arrest and clearance of several significant Part 1 Crimes, including the regional bank robbery suspect, serial burglar suspects, illegal narcotics suspects, etc., the participation in regional recruitment/testing with upgraded screening and background processes, a community-wide survey of public perceptions and views; and

WHEREAS, among other findings of the community survey, respondents are very supportive of the Police Department, want to ensure that our existing patrol personnel continue to serve our community, and appreciate the safe environment that the partnership between the City and the community has created and sustained for many years; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Pacific Grove Police Officers Association have stated the officers' pride at serving this city, their support for the direction the Chief and department are headed, and their commitment to serve the City and meet all challenges with passion and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2013 crime statistics show that Pacific Grove continues to be the safest City in Monterey County, with many Part I crime rates having been reduced even further during, demonstrating that the efforts of the Chief, the men and women in the department, and the community are continuing to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the City and POA have already entered into new discussions—only three months after the implementation of the current labor agreement—because both parties see even more improvements that can be achieved by working together; and

WHEREAS, this action does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE THAT:

1. The foregoing findings are adopted by the City Council as though set forth in full.
2. The City Council hereby proclaims its strong support and the collective support of the Pacific Grove community for Chief Vicki L. H. Myers and the men and women of the Pacific Grove Police Department, honoring their dedication to their mission and their service to the citizens of and visitors to Pacific Grove.
3. The City Council wishes all citizens, visitors, and other persons to recognize the quality of the services that Chief Myers and the department are providing to the Pacific Grove community.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
this 16th day of April, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Huitt, Councilmembers Cohen, Cuneo, Fischer, and Lucius

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Kampe

APPROVED:

ROBERT HUITT
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

ANN CAMEL
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID C. LAREDO,
City Attorney