

MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: City Manager

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FROM: Chief of Police **DEPARTMENT**: Police

DATE: 10/16/2025 **MEETING DATE**: 10/21/2025

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Student Ambassadors to the Venice Police Department

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Venice Police Department recognizes that fostering trust and mutual respect between law enforcement and the community begins with our youth. In recent years, the department has made significant strides in community outreach through programs such as Coffee with a Cop, Citizens Police Academies, and neighborhood engagement events. However, direct involvement with students offers an additional opportunity to build long-term relationships and improve understanding of police work at an early age.

The program will be voluntary and open to students who demonstrate leadership, integrity, and a commitment to community service. It will be jointly coordinated by the Venice Police Department's and Venice High School's administration.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Presentation with Action Requested

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Review of Contract Routing Tracker:

(Initial or Signature to indicate your Review/Approval)

N/A

Finance Department Reviewed: [s]

Risk Management Reviewed: [s]

City Attorney Reviewed: [s]

City Manager Reviewed: [s]

Funds Availability (account #):

Project #: