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SUBJECT: Indemnity Agreements for Publication of Crime Alert
and Wanted Subjects Information

Honorable Members in Session:

SUMMARY

The Sacramento Police Department has entered into tentative agreements with The Sacramento Bee and The Sacramento Union for the publication of crime alert and wanted subjects information. Copies of the prepared agreements are attached for reference. These agreements, when executed by the City Manager, will indemnify and hold harmless the newspapers in the event of fiscal loss as a result of publishing the above specified information.

BACKGROUND

It has been determined by the Sacramento Police Department that there is a continuing need to increase public awareness of certain information relating to criminal activity in this community. It is hoped that by making such information available, the community will be more responsive to the Police Department's requests for information leading to arrests, convictions, and greater crime prevention. To achieve this increase in public awareness as specified above the Sacramento Police Department has sought the publication of crime alert and wanted subjects by The Sacramento Bee and The Sacramento Union. The Bee and The Union have requested agreements indemnifying them against loss resulting from the publication of such information. The Sacramento Police Department considers the publication of this crime alert and wanted subjects information a great public service as well as an asset to the Department.

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FISCAL IMPACT

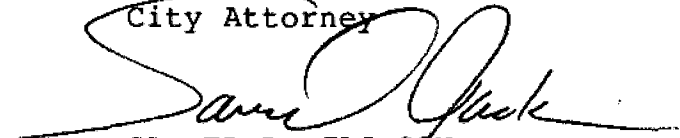
The execution of the afore-mentioned agreements involve some potential fiscal impact, the magnitude of which is not known and cannot be predicted at this time. The Police Department is of the opinion that the risk of loss is outweighed by the benefits to be derived from the publication of the subject information. In addition, the Police Department, in cooperation with local t.v. stations, have been broadcasting crime alert information for several years without incident or fiscal loss. Finally, the Police Department is well aware of the potential liability associated with such broadcasts and publications. Therefore, every precaution is taken to avoid or minimize the risk of liability.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council pass a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the herein referenced indemnity agreements.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JACKSON,
City Attorney

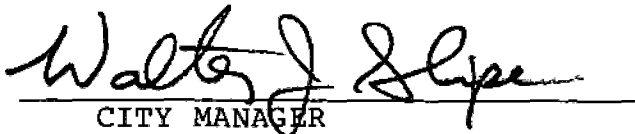


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Attachments

Recommendation Approved:


CITY MANAGER

Meeting of October 25, 1983
All Districts

RESOLUTION NO. 83-848

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS: McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS,
PUBLISHERS OF THE SACRAMENTO BEE AND ITS
"NEIGHBORS" PUBLICATION; SIERRA PUBLISHING
COMPANY, PUBLISHER OF THE SACRAMENTO UNION;
AND OTHER NEWSPAPER COMPANIES, RADIO AND
TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento Indemnity Agreements, providing for the publication of Sacramento Police Department crime alert and wanted subjects information, between the City of Sacramento and

(a) McClatchy Newspapers, publisher of the Sacramento Bee and its "Neighbors" publication.

(b) Sierra Publishing Company, publisher of the Sacramento Union.

2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento similar Indemnity Agreements with other local newspaper companies, and local radio and television broadcasting companies.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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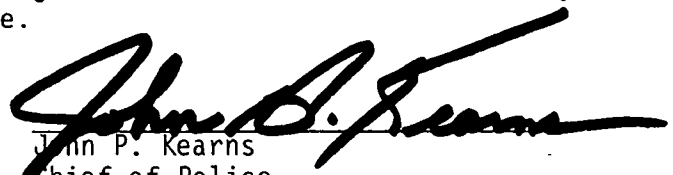
MEMORANDUM

TO: Walter J. Slipe, City Manager
FROM: John P. Kearns, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Omissions from Hold Harmless Resolution for News Media in "Crime Alert"

El Hispano and the Sacramento Observer, newspapers, were not included with the news media to be held harmless for their participation in the Sacramento Police Crime Alert program because, for reasons of their own, they have declined to publish the information we submit.

El Hispano did publish the crime update articles until Teresa Gonzales was succeeded by Pedro Chavez as editor. Mr. Chavez informed us that he did not wish to publish the crime update material. The Sacramento Observer's participation was solicited; however, they declined.

There would be no harm done if the Council authorized a hold harmless agreement with these parties. This agreement could be executed if they decided to participate in the future.


John P. Kearns
Chief of Police

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