

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF DAVID O. LIVINGSTON SHERIFF - CORONER

August 1, 2019

Mr. Anthony Constantouros, General Manager Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District 217 Arlington Avenue Kensington, CA 94707-1401

Dear Mr. Constantouros:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 22, 2019 and the enclosed Request for Proposals (RFP) for Police Services.

As you know, my Office currently provides contract police services to the communities of Blackhawk and Roundhill, the cities of Lafayette and Orinda, and the Town of Danville. We also provide other contract policing services such as to the Los Vaqueros Reservoir and AC Transit. Our services have been uniformly regarded as outstanding by our contracting partners.

My staff and I reviewed the Kensington RFP in detail and carefully considered whether responding to the RFP would be in the best interests of the Office of the Sheriff, Contra Costa County, and most importantly, the people of Kensington. I personally watched the entire board of directors meeting of April 25, 2019 where this RFP was discussed. In doing so I was able to get a better sense of the views held by the various district directors and public speakers.

I am also in receipt of an email dated July 29, 2019 from Ms. Patricia Gillette and Mr. Paul Dorroh in which they raised concerns about possible deficiencies in the RFP, namely that an ordinance relating to voter approval for the contracting of police services adopted October 8, 2009 had not been included.

It is my view that responding to the RFP is not advisable at this time. Accordingly, the Office of the Sheriff will not be submitting a proposal. I wish you, the Board of Directors, and the people of Kensington every success as you move forward in this important process.

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Sincerely,

DAVID O. LIVINGSTON

Sheriff-Coroner

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