



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-10, Approving the Acceptance of the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of Off-Duty Personnel at Special Events Between the City of Banning and the City of Indio

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-10.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Indio and Goldenvoice Productions annually hosts Coachella Music Festival Weekends 1 and 2 and Stagecoach Music Festival. The Coachella and Stagecoach music festivals, are two of the largest and most popular music events in the world, attracting hundreds of thousands of attendees from across the globe. Coachella, typically held over two weekends in April, features a wide range of music genres, while Stagecoach, held the following weekend, focuses on country music. These events generate significant economic impact for the region but also bring challenges in terms of public safety and logistics. The large crowds, traffic congestion, alcohol consumption, potential drug use, and large-scale event management require an increased law enforcement presence to ensure the safety of attendees, control traffic, prevent crime, and manage emergencies. Given the magnitude of these festivals, the City of Indio, which hosts the events, requires additional law enforcement support from neighboring cities, such as Banning, to effectively manage the crowd and maintain public order, ensuring a smooth and secure experience for festivalgoers. The promoter estimates 125,000 people will attend Coachella events each day and 85,000 people will attend Stagecoach Festival each day. The City of Indio contracts with several neighboring law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety, and the orderly flow of traffic. The City of Indio will reimburse the City of Banning for actual costs as outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Reimbursement of Off-Duty Personnel at Special Events. The upcoming events will be held on three consecutive weekends in April at the Empire Polo Grounds. The Coachella Music Festival Weekend 1 will be April 11-13, 2025; the Coachella Music Festival Weekend 2 will be April 19-20, 2025; and the Stagecoach Music Festival will be April 25-27, 2025.

JUSTIFICATION:

As neighboring cities, Banning and Indio share a responsibility for managing the large influx of festivalgoers, ensuring public safety, and preventing crime spillover. By collaborating, Banning can help address traffic, crowd control, and law enforcement needs while benefiting from shared resources and cost efficiency, as the personnel used are paid for by Indio. This partnership enhances interagency coordination, strengthens community relations, and ensures both cities can handle potential emergencies, ultimately contributing to the region's overall success and safety during these high-profile events. The City of Banning also financially benefits from the Coachella and Stagecoach festivals as many travelers pass through or stop in the city on their way to the events. Visitors often spend money on

gas, food, and other services, providing a boost to local businesses. Additionally, some festivalgoers choose to stay in Banning's hotels due to its proximity to Indio, further increasing revenue through accommodations. These economic contributions make it in Banning's interest to support the festivals, as the city gains from the increased traffic and spending associated with the events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Banning's officers are compensated for their time at their actual overtime rate, with no additional financial burden placed on Banning's budget. Since Indio assumes responsibility for these costs, the fiscal impact to Banning is minimal or even nonexistent. This arrangement allows Banning to provide necessary support without incurring extra expenses, making the collaboration financially beneficial for both cities.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose to reject staff's recommendation and provide alternative direction.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-10, Indio MOU.docx](#)
2. [2025 MOU Banning-Indio Reimb Off-Duty Personnel Special Events.docx](#)
3. [Request for service Banning PD CS Concerts 2025_001.pdf](#)