



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
July 28, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew Greenwood, Chief of Police

Subject: MOU with “A Safe Place” Domestic Violence Shelter

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entitled “Memorandum of Understanding with A Safe Place, a domestic violence shelter provider, and authorize the Chief of Police to enter into this agreement and any amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION

A Safe Place provides services to victims of domestic violence free of charge. There is no fiscal impact.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Berkeley Police Department has a longstanding relationship with A Safe Place. They provide domestic violence shelter and services to victims of domestic violence. This new “Memorandum of Understanding” extends the current agreement without changes to the existing relationship and would be in effect until November 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

A Safe Place is a non-profit established in 1976 to provide shelter and counseling services to victims of domestic violence and their children. They provide their services to victims in the City of Berkeley free of charge.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding with A Safe Place will ensure an ongoing relationship that serves a vital need in the community, helping victims of domestic violence with shelter and ongoing services.

CONTACT PERSON

Andrew Greenwood, Chief of Police, (510) 981-5900

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum of Understanding with A Safe Place
2. Resolution



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

October 31, 2020 – November 1, 2023

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **A Safe Place** and the **City of Berkeley Police Department** describes the ongoing working relationship and the activities in which we participate or engage in supportive efforts to serves victims of domestic violence.

The **City of Berkeley Police Department** will support the effort of **A Safe Place** in the following manner:

- Contact **A Safe Place** 24-hour crisis line when responding to Domestic Violence victims for sheltering services.
- Transport domestic violence victims, in accordance with department procedure, to a safe location where **A Safe Place** staff can meet clients for admittance to a shelter.

This agreement shall remain in effect from October 31, 2020 – November 1, 2023 or unless terminated in writing by either party.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Russell  
Executive Director  
A Safe Place

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Greenwood  
Chief of Police  
City of Berkeley Police Department

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

**A Safe Place**

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley Police Department has a longstanding relationship and existing Memorandum of Understanding with “A Safe Place” Domestic Violence Shelter; and

WHEREAS, A Safe Place provides emergency shelter and ongoing counseling services to victims of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding describes the relationship and interaction between the Berkeley Police Department and A Safe Place; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley domestic violence victims benefit greatly from the services provided by A Safe Place free of charge;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Berkeley that the Chief of Police is authorized to enter into and execute the Memorandum of Understanding “Memorandum of Understanding with A Safe Place” and any amendments.