

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-029

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA,
ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF YUMA AND UNITED
STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, TO ASSIGN YUMA
SECTOR BORDER PATROL PERSONNEL TO THE YUMA POLICE
DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP**

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma ("City") is authorized, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §11-952, to contract for services and enter into agreements with other public agencies for joint or cooperative action; and,

WHEREAS, there is evidence that criminal street gang activity and trafficking of narcotics and dangerous drugs occurs in the City of Yuma, State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, street gangs, drug trafficking and related illegal activities have a substantial detrimental effect on the health and welfare of the people of the City of Yuma; and,

WHEREAS, transnational criminal organizations' tactics and procedures involve the utilization of street gangs in support of cross-border drug trafficking and human smuggling; and,

WHEREAS, the activities of international criminal organizations affect border and national security; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Border Patrol (USBP) and the Yuma Police Department (YPD) have varying resources, equipment, training and skill sets useful for deterring, investigating and prosecuting criminal activity; and,

WHEREAS, YPD has a Special Operations Group (SOG) with the mission to proactively deter crime and enforce laws through intelligence gathering, problem-oriented policing, and directed patrols and details; and,

WHEREAS, USBP works to prevent the entry of individuals with criminal intent and the entry of illicit drugs into the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the USBP and YPD, through SOG, desire to work in cooperation to combat street gangs, drug trafficking, and related illegal activity within the City of Yuma; and,

WHEREAS, through this agreement, the USBP will assign at least one federal agent to the YPD Special Operations Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with United States Customs and Border Protection for the purpose of assigning personnel to the Special Operations Group is in the public interest by promoting a safe and prosperous community.

SECTION 2: The document titled *Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yuma and United States Customs and Border Protection*, attached and incorporated into this Resolution by reference, is approved for signature on behalf of the City of Yuma.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney