Ad Hoc Committee on
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Location: Alameda County Conference & Training Center
125 ~ 12th Street, Hayward Room, 4th floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Summary Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call
Erin Armstrong, Chair, UASI Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order. The roll was called, members present included Matthew Snelson, Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos, Erin Armstrong, Ana-Marie Jones and John Lindsay-Poland. All members were present.

II. Meeting purpose and deliverables
Direction from the Board of Supervisors
Agenda
Erin Armstrong reported that on February 26, 2019 the Board of Supervisors discussed and voted on the Ad Hoc Committee on Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) recommendations. The Board adopted twenty-seven of the recommendations in Motion 1. Any recommendations that were controversial were excluded from the motion. The Board of Supervisors passed the remaining recommendations except three.

The purpose of today’s meeting is to discuss recommendations that were not approved. The Board of Supervisors directed the Ad Hoc Committee to meet with the Sheriff and County Counsel to discuss if they can resolve the differences that exist between the Sheriff and the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the recommendations in an effort to reach agreement. The Board directed that an update from the meeting be brought to the Board on March 12, 2019, with the opportunity for the Board to reconsider its action on the motion.

III. Review of Board Actions
Attachment
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The Board of Supervisors adopted the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 32, 37, 39, 46, 49, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59 and 63. The Board adopted the additional recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee in a second motion, that had not already been adopted by the motion above, with the exception of 34, 44 and 45.

IV. Review of Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (BAUASI) Funding Guidelines
Attachment

Craig Dziedec, General Manager, Tristan Levardo, Chief Financial Officer, and Amy Ramirez, Regional Project Manager, Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative presented information related to the Bay Area UASI Grant.

The Bay Area UASI program requires the Urban Area Working Group, who is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of all program initiatives, must ensure that applications for funding under the UASI program support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA.
The Alameda County Board of Supervisors does not have the authority to usurp the power of the Bay Area UASI approval authority.

V. Funding Compliance Discussion

Sheriff Gregory Ahern, Undersheriff Rich Lucia and members of the Ad Hoc Committee discussed several recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee that they believe are not compliance with the UASI grant requirements.

Sheriff Ahern submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors, dated February 22, 2019, which stated that the Sheriff’s Office had been advised that a majority of the recommendations would likely violate federal guidelines associated with the Training & Exercise portion of the grant.

There were no motions or votes made by the Committee during the discussion.

VI. Public Comment

Eleanor Levine stated that at the last BOS meeting, the Sheriff’s Office and BAUASI talked extensively about several of the recommendations being in violation of the MOU. How many recommendations are illegal; If the recommendations are not covered by the MOU then BAUASI should not have a comment on those recommendations.

Amber Piatt stated that she appreciated the work the Ad Hoc Committee put in on the recommendations; support a majority of recommendations by the Committee and adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

VII. Report to the Board of Supervisors

Erin Armstrong stated that the Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2019, with a Board letter containing the list of recommendations discussed in today’s meeting, including recommendations: 6, 7, 8, 12, 15, 24, 27, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 50, 51,56 and 63.

Ms. Armstrong will report on areas of consensus reached between the Ad Hoc Committee and the Sheriff’s Office, in addition to reporting on areas where no consensus was reached.

There were no motions made and or votes taken by the Committee during the discussion of any of the recommendations.

Donna Zeigler, County Counsel, reported that the Office of the County Counsel was not part of any consensus reached between the parties, but was present only to offer legal advice.

In addition, the Sheriff’s Office will bring a Board letter to the Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2019 for the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding to accept the UASI grant funds.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.