



IMPERIAL VALLEY **REGIONAL** CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

June 3, 2024

Robert Sawyer
Police Chief
El Centro Police Department

Re: Letter of Support for the El Centro Police Department; U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Hiring Program Grant

Dear Chief Sawyer,

I am writing to support the City of El Centro Police Department's application for the COPS Hiring Program Grant with the U.S. Department of Justice.

The El Centro Police Department is seeking funding for five additional police officers to ensure the community receives the level of service and protection it deserves. With this grant, the department will have the resources to deploy a smart alternative policing effort in addressing drug-related crime and drug addiction.

The City of El Centro is experiencing additional economic distress due to being traditionally underserved. Therefore, I am requesting the 25% match requirement be waived.

In closing, I support the El Centro Police Department's application for the COPS Hiring Program Grant. Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information at (760) 352-7413.

Sincerely,

Sher Cowie
President/CEO

cc: File