



City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
3/16/2021

Submitted by:
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Item Title:

Discuss and consider approval of a resolution approving the professional services agreement with Del Carmen Consulting LLC for consulting services related to racial profiling data and reporting.

Consent Item []
Public Hearing Item []
Action Item [X]

Documentation Attached:
Resolution; Agreement, Bio for Dr. del Carmen,
Dr. del Carmen's 2020 Forney PD Racial
Profiling Report

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Item Summary:

To be fully transparent and thorough the Forney Police Department obtained the services of Dr. Alex del Carmen. Dr. del Carmen is an internationally renowned criminologist, who specializes in racial profiling and racial profiling audits of law enforcement agencies. Dr. del Carmen analyzed Forney Police Department's racial profiling/bias-based policing data for 2020 and provided a complete analysis and report. This agreement is to continue working with Dr. del Carmen in the future. Specifically, if approved, Dr. del Carmen will:

1. Complete the annual racial profiling report (due March 1 of each year).
2. Conduct four quarterly audits (performed remotely to ensure and certify that the racial profiling data is accurate, as required by the Sandra Bland Act).
3. Conduct a search analysis (compares contraband hit ratio with national statistics), as required by the Sandra Bland Act.
4. Provide ongoing consulting during the term of the Agreement.

The attached agreement is for the upcoming fiscal year in the amount of \$7,850.00 and is set to renew annually unless notice is provided by either the City of Forney or Del Carmen Consulting. Funds for these services will be requested in the budget process or can be covered by the Forney Police Department's Seizure Fund if not approved in the budget.