



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

July 22, 2024

Karhlton F. Moore
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
810 Seventh Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

***Re: Letter of Support for the El Centro Police Department; U.S. Department of Justice,
Encouraging Innovation Grant***

Dear Director Karhlton F. Moore:

On behalf of the Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (IVRCC), I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the El Centro Police Department's application to the U.S. Department of Justice's Encouraging Innovation Grant for \$1,000,000 for ECPD's Digital Integration Project.

The grant will allow ECPD to equip its agency to take advantage of a wide and growing range of technologies for efficient and effective policing. Specifically, they are initiating the development of a Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) that will enable its Officers to respond rapidly, or even immediately, to crimes in progress or those that have recently occurred.

With an RTCC, El Centro Police Officers can respond to crime events more efficiently and deliberately, with improved operational intelligence and a proactive emphasis on Officer, citizen, and community safety. Our business community is also impacted by crime events. Supporting this grant aligns with our mission to serve our business community through advocacy.

For these reasons, we support the El Centro Police Department's request and respectfully ask it to be considered for funding. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (760) 352-7413.

Sincerely,

Sher Cowie

President/CEO
cc: File