IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AND OPERATE THE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE UNIT PROGRAM IN SAN LEANDRO FOR A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $1,350,000 IN PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Alternative Response Unit (ARU) is a collaborative pilot program between Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD), the City of San Leandro, and community providers to more efficiently utilize the relevant health care services to meet the behavioral health and medical needs of the residents of San Leandro and prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and readmissions; and

WHEREAS, the ARU will provide an alternative immediate response to individuals that are experiencing a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the ARU will respond with trained providers that can provide real-time assistance to individuals with non-violent mental health and substance abuse needs;

WHEREAS, the goals of the ARU are to reduce police response to 911 calls related to behavioral health of unhoused residents; deliver an appropriate and timely response to behavioral health calls that meet the individual's needs; decrease the number of unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations; and bridge and facilitate service connections for individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is familiar with the contents thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends approval of said Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, the City of San Leandro City Council does **RESOLVE** as follows:

That said Memorandum of Understanding in the amount of $1,350,000 is hereby approved and execution by the City Manager is hereby authorized.

Introduced by Councilmember _____ and passed and adopted this 15th day of July 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
        Kelly B. Clancy, CMC
        City Clerk