



# PALMDALE

*a place to call home*

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Dear Contract Cities Partner:

I know that you are as sickened (distraught, upset, disgusted, disturbed) as I am about the ambush shooting of two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies last weekend.

No matter what anyone thinks of the current state of law enforcement and all that is going on in our nation, all of us can agree that the deputies and officers who put their lives on the line every day for our communities do not deserve this. Growing up as the son of a Philadelphia police officer and living with the fear that one day my father might not come home, it gave me an even greater appreciation for what they do.

Thankfully, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunman.

To help that cause, I am asking each of our partner contract cities to join the City of Palmdale in donating \$10,000 to increase the County reward. If all 42 of us were to agree to contribute, the total reward would be \$520,000 and can make a huge difference in getting the information needed to apprehend the suspect.

I ask you to thoughtfully consider making this important contribution. Together, we can make a statement and better yet, a difference, in helping bring the gunman to justice.

Please email me your thoughts and potential commitment to [jjmurphy@cityofpalmdale.org](mailto:jjmurphy@cityofpalmdale.org).

Sincerely,

J.J. Murphy, ICMA-CM  
Palmdale City Manager

CC: Palmdale Mayor and City Council

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