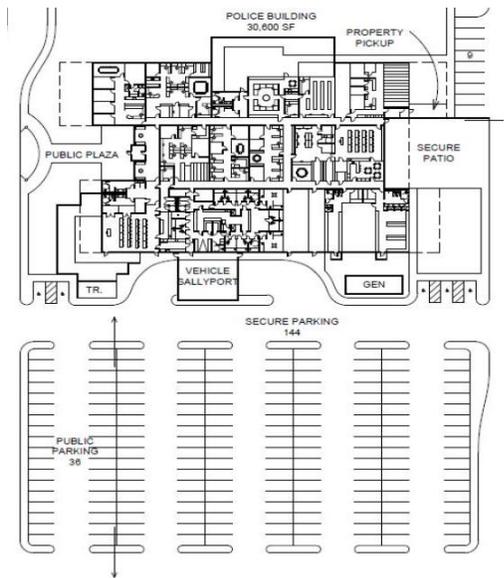


Request: \$30,000,000 to design and construct a 30,000-35,000 square foot new police facility in the City of Los Banos, California.

Description: The City of Los Banos Police Department is the largest police agency on the west side of Merced County, serving a population of approximately 40,000 residents. The Department covers an area of approximately 10 square miles and employs 41 Police Officers and 29 non-sworn staff. In 2018, the Department handled approximately 43,300 incidents, answered 18,688 9-1-1 calls, and booked 1,238 inmates into our Type-1 jail facility.

Necessity: The Police Department staff currently work out of two facilities. The main facility is located at 945 5th Street and has been home to the Police Department since 1969. The building is very old and lacks the space for growth or to provide additional services. In 1999, the City purchased the Police Annex Building, an old bank building approximately half a block away from the main facility. The Annex houses police detectives, code enforcement, City IT staff, and a crime analyst. Operating out of two facilities is inefficient and both facilities require costly ongoing maintenance to repair leaky roofs, poor plumbing, and outdated infrastructure. There are also challenges in bringing them up to current ADA standards.

Beneficiaries: The City of Los Banos hopes to purchase land along the G Street rail-trail corridor, adjacent to the newly constructed Merced County Superior Court, to construct a new, state of the art, police facility to efficiently serve the residents of Los Banos. Prior to the court's move, the main Police Department building and the Superior Court facility were adjacent to each other, sharing a common parking lot. Having two criminal justice organizations in close proximity proved beneficial to the Los Banos community. The Police Department desires to once again locate next to the Superior Court to continue to provide a campus style criminal justice setting to benefit the west side of Merced County.



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