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**Bexar County Commissioners Court Bolsters
Support for Law Enforcement**

Following negotiations that spanned several meetings and a membership vote by the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Bexar County (DSABC) affirming the results, the Bexar County Commissioners Court passed a resolution this afternoon to boost law enforcement support by \$9.6 million.

Baker Tilly, an advisory firm commissioned by the court in 2022, conducted a market study on all county pay plans. After the study's conclusion, adjustments were made to all pay tables, except those covered by a collective bargaining agreement, such as the DSABC contract. With today's approval by the Bexar County Commissioners Court, deputy sheriffs' pay tables will be raised beginning the first full pay period following the court's decision.

Additionally, the court greenlit the "Straight to the Streets" program to be integrated into the contract between Bexar County, the Bexar County Sheriff, and the DSABC. This program provides non-commissioned recruits the opportunity to apply for law enforcement positions without first serving as a detention deputy.

Members of Bexar County Commissioners Court reacted after the decision. "The deputies put themselves at risk every day and deserve not only this pay hike but also our sincere appreciation for their devoted service," Judge Sakai says of the additional \$9.6 million in support.

Bexar County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rebeca Clay-Flores stated, "Speaking for the residents of the fastest growing precinct in Bexar County, I always have and will continue to advocate for mental health. That includes our deputy sheriffs who have the taxing responsibility to keep us safe. The steps we took today will help increase the morale of the Sheriff's Office staff."

Bexar County Precinct 2 Commissioner Justin Rodriguez noted, "As a rapidly growing community, supporting law enforcement is very important to us. This vote shows the Court's commitment to supporting the Sheriff in recruiting and retaining the high-quality talent in a fiscally responsible manner."

Bexar County Precinct 3 Commissioner Grant Moody said, "This is a true win-win. Law Enforcement deputies will broadly receive significant increases in pay which they deserve, but this will be implemented in a way that is mindful of the long-term budget impact to the County."

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