

SALINAS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #19-98

REQUESTING TERMINATION OF LIVE PD CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Salinas Union High School District is one of several public service entities in the City of Salinas that provides a positive environment for promoting learning of democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas Union High School District has demonstrated outstanding success in preparing students for college and careers as evidenced by recent graduation rates and robust college scholarship attainment; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas Union High School District supports all public entities in the City of Salinas in promoting a positive image of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas Union High School District is respectful of the depiction of the hard work of the women and men of the Salinas Police Department and the challenges of their day-to-day work; and

WHEREAS, in August 2018 the Salinas City Council approved a contract with Big Fish Media to allow the filming of Live PD in the Salinas Community, and renewed the contract on August 14, 2019 for another season of filming; and

WHEREAS, extensive research indicates that reality law enforcement television contributes to a negative representation of the community by turning real-life situations in-to entertainment and overgeneralizing the Salinas Community as criminally inclined; and

WHEREAS, the effects of environmental trauma are highlighted through the saturation of the publicity of crime and violence in the community, resulting in lasting consequences for education and community connectivity; and

WHEREAS, police departments in Bridgeport, Connecticut; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Streetsboro, Ohio, ended agreements with Live PD due to the negative impact on their community image; and,

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office in South Carolina, ended its participation on the show in August 2019, citing their deputies' need of a break from cameras and,

WHEREAS, the Salinas Union High School District does not support Live PD due to its negative portrayal of our community, being the sole national and international representation of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas Union High School District Board of Trustees formally requests that the Salinas City Council take all action necessary to immediately terminate its contract with Big Fish Media and cease filming Live PD in Salinas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2019.

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