RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS REGARDING THE EXPLORATION OF CONSOLIDATED AND/OR SHARED SERVICES AND ASSETS BETWEEN THE CITIES OF PALO ALTO, SUNNYVALE, MOUNTAIN VIEW AND LOS ALTOS

WHEREAS, the cities of Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Los Altos have engaged, either collectively or in smaller coalitions, over the decades in shared municipal activities such as animal services, solid waste facilities, SWAT teams and mutual aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos are currently in the final effort to bring "online" a "virtual" public safety communications cooperative program; and

WHEREAS, the four cities continue their efforts to find mutually compatible areas where cooperation can result in efficiencies and economies, cost savings for taxpayers and increased services at less cost; and

WHEREAS, the city managers of the four cities have been meeting for the purpose of finding additional areas of cooperation and monetary savings; and

WHEREAS, each of the four cities currently operates its own public safety communications center; and

WHEREAS, the four cities wish to further explore the possibility and feasibility of the consolidation of the four public safety communications centers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the exploration of a joint public safety communications center, the managers have discussed the possible consolidation and/or sharing of such services or assets as centralized records management, evidence facilities, office or field equipment, emergency planning, arson investigation and fire prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby

- endorses the exploration of further cooperative opportunities between the four cities including, but not limited to, a joint communications center, centralized records management, a centralized evidence facility, shared equipment, emergency planning, arson investigation and fire prevention;
- 2) instructs its City Manager to engage in said exploration and to report back periodically to the Council on the status of these efforts;
- 3) directs its City Manager to include, dependent upon timing and the cost estimate, monies in the budget for FY2011-2012 for an independent study for a joint public safety communications center.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 25th day of January, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

SATTERLEE, CASAS, CARPENTER, FISHPAW, PACKARD

NOES:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

NONE

Ronald D. Packard, MAYOR

Attest:

Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK