

Dear Kensington Neighbors,

Last night, the Board of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District unanimously approved a new two-year contract with the Kensington Police Officers Association. This contract is retroactively effective to July 1st of this year and expires on June 30th, 2010. The previous three-year agreement expired June 30th of this year and our police officers have been working without a contract since then.

The new contract includes all of the existing non-salary provisions of the previous contract including medical and retirement benefits. The two-year agreement provides for a salary increase of 6% for the current fiscal year ended June 30th, 2009 and a 4% salary increase for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2010.

Based on a salary survey of other police departments in Contra Costa County, the new contract will bring the level of compensation for our police officers up to the median level for the county. Some communities have chosen to compensate their police officers at a much higher level.

We are all concerned about the fiscal deterioration facing our county, our district and our community. We believe that the new contract takes into consideration the fiscal needs of the district and the needs of our officers and their families. We appreciate their work and the public service they provide our community. If you feel so inclined over the holiday season, when you see a police officer either in a patrol car or on foot, give them a big holiday wave.

On behalf of the board of Chuck Toombs (vice president), Pat McLaughlin, Cindy Kimball, and Cathie Kosel – I would like to wish everyone a Peaceful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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p.s. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Thursday, January 8th at 7:30pm in the community center.