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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: **San Luis Obispo Police Officers Association Prevails Following Interest Arbitration**

At 5:00 p.m. today, the interest arbitration award issued by Arbitrator Matthew Goldberg pursuant to San Luis Obispo City Charter Section 1107 was made public. A copy of the decision along with a summary of the award is available on the San Luis Obispo Police Officers Association website: www.slopoa.org

The San Luis Obispo Police Officers Association is extremely pleased with the extraordinarily favorable ruling issued. The Award's significant enhancements to wages, hours and working conditions, guarantees that the City will be able to maintain its above average police force and continue to provide quality law enforcement services to the community. The benefit of this Award to the citizens San Luis Obispo cannot be understated: the safety of this community depends on a highly qualified experienced police force that is staffed with individuals who hold themselves to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. The competitive wage and benefit package awarded by Arbitrator Matthew Goldberg will play a vital role in maintaining the City's highly professional and experienced police work force.