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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

September 14, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF SEVERAL ARTICLES FOR USE BY EMPLOYEES OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S COMPTON STATION (SECOND DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chair to accept the donation of electronic equipment, bedding, furniture, lighting fixtures, and art work, valued at $30,200 from Original Productions, Inc., for use by Compton Sheriff's Station personnel.

2. Approve the County to indemnify and defend Original Productions, Inc., from all liability arising out of the County's use of the equipment and furniture, other than liability resulting from defects or malfunctions related to acts or omissions of the manufacturer.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Original Productions, Inc., doing business as Monster House, Tom Beers, Executive Producer, 308 West Verdugo Avenue, Burbank, California 91502, for the generous donation.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDATION ACTION

On August 2, 2004, the producers of Original Productions, Inc., producers of the television program "Monster House," presented employees of the Compton Sheriff's Station with a rebuilt and completely furnished, futuristic looking sleep room and employee lounge.

The Monster House Show is a reality based, cable television program that refurbishes private residences, at no cost to the owners, in a one week time period, while filming the entire project for their show.

The Compton Sheriff's Station was chosen as part of the show's "Salute to Heroes" series where a Los Angeles City Fire Station and a teacher's lounge at the Sherman Oaks Elementary School were also refurbished.

The show's producers estimated the cost of removing the jail cells in the booking area of the Compton Sheriff's Station and replacing it with the sleep room and employee lounge to be approximately $200,000 in labor and materials, which was included in the cost of the show. This part of the renovation was donated to the City of Compton, who owns the building.

The furnishings for this renovation were also donated, by the show's producers, to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Compton Sheriff's Station, and were estimated to be valued at approximately $30,200. We are requesting that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accept the articles of furniture, appliances and electronic goods on behalf of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Compton Sheriff's Station.

Attached is a list of the items which were donated and the approximate cost (refer to Attachment A).

JUSTIFICATION

Prior to the Monster House project, Compton Sheriff's Station personnel utilized a converted jail cell and mattress, which could only sleep one person, for a sleep room. The sleep room is used by employees between shifts and court appearances.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals for Service Excellence and Work Force Excellence. The donated items will enhance the morale and provide a positive image of the Sheriff's Department, as well as the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost associated with this donation, other than electricity usage.

FINANCING

None. The total cost of the building renovations was donated to the City of Compton. The cost of the electronics, furnishings, and art work were donated to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Compton Sheriff's Station.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

None. Prior to commencing filming, the producer was required to provide the County, through the Sheriff's Department, with the right of editorial review. No County resources were expended on this project because all County employee time and resources were provided under the law enforcement contract with the City of Compton.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Compton Sheriff's Station's personnel can use this sleep room/lounge to avoid long commutes after extended shifts and to rest in between shifts and court appearances. This will reduce fatigue and possibly fatigue induced traffic collisions. This will promote a more efficient and productive staff.

CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's approval of the donation, please return adopted stamped copies to Compton Sheriff's Station, Attention: Sergeant Dominic J. Valencia, 301 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, California 90220.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chief Ronnie M. Williams at (323) 526-5026.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

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ATTACHMENT "A"

#	Type of Article	Cost	Total
8	LCD/DVD Units for Sleep Pods	$750.00	$6,000.00
8	Premium mattresses	$300.00	$2,400.00
8	Bedding sets	$100.00	$800.00
7	5 Chairs, 2 Leather Couches, end tables		$4,000.00
2	Game Pods, computers and chairs	$5,000.00	$10,000.00
1	LCD Projector, Drop-down screen, games	$2,500.00	$2,500.00
1	Metal, drop-down table, custom made	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
	Custom lighting fixtures		$500.00
	Computer Games, software		$500.00
	Artwork for walls		$500.00
	TOTAL		**$30,200.00**