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February 20, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ONE BOAT
(3 VOTES) (ALL DISTRICTS)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with the purchase of one (1) boat costing in excess of $250,000.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) is planning the purchase of one (1) boat in an ongoing effort to replace its aging fleet of patrol vessels. The cost of this purchase will be $600,000. The Department is requesting authority to purchase this vessel, consistent with your policy requiring Board-approval of fixed assets costing more than $250,000.

BACKGROUND

The Department currently operates 30 water craft and/or vessels that are located at six different sites throughout the County. The Department has not been able to keep pace with any type of vessel replacement program due to budgetary constraints. The Department's fleet is deteriorating and falling behind in capabilities necessary to provide safety and security to the Los Angeles County Maritime Region and waterways.

Implementations of Strategic Plan Goals

This recommendation is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Service Excellence, as the recommendations will result in more effective services to the public by improving the Department's capabilities and response times; Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of marine law enforcement deputies by providing them with the most effective tools to respond to and deal with emergencies and calls for service; Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility, as the costs are completely financed from within the Department's budget, and the proposed vessel will have an extended functional lifetime (as it will be replacing fiberglass-over-wood vessels with a metal-hulled vessel); and Goal 8, Public Safety, as this recommendation will increase the safety and security of Los Angeles County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions would have no fiscal impact in 2006-07, as the Department will be utilizing the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Program to purchase the boat, and funds are available within the existing budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A three-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors is required to approve the purchase of equipment costing more than $250,000.

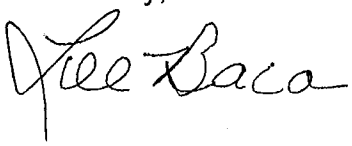
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will improve the operation of the Department's vessel fleet.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office, the Sheriff's Department, and Internal Services Department.

Sincerely,



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