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September 16, 2008

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Execute the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of $383,799 for past participation in the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program (CLEAR), a multi-agency gang intervention project.

IT IS OUR JOINT RECOMMENDATION THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and Chief Probation Officer to enter into the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the City of Los Angeles for past participation in the CLEAR Program.

2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, District Attorney, and Chief Probation Officer, or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Programs, and to sign and execute the PSA, including execution of extensions, modifications, amendments, and augmentations when necessary.

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Beginning in 1996, your Board approved the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's, District Attorney's Office's, and Probation Department's (County Departments) participation in the CLEAR Program and the sharing of Federal CLEAR Program funding between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles (County).

The CLEAR Program specifically required the County Departments, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the City Attorney's Office to work together to provide a flexible and coordinated response to crime, perpetrated by criminal street gangs, and by identifying the gangs associated with each community and addressing each community's gang problem.

Consistent with your Board's previous approvals concerning the CLEAR Program, your Board is being requested to approve the PSA for past participation in the CLEAR Program that will release funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), via the City of Los Angeles, to the County Departments. The PSA covers the period between September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2007. This agreement was extended from its original term of September 1, 2005, to August 31, 2006, to allow the release of funding from OJJDP.

On April 1, 2008, your Board approved two (2) PSAs for past participation in the CLEAR Program that allowed the release of funding from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). This agreement is also for services that were previously provided; however, it was not included in the recommendation indicated in the April 1, 2008, request per the Executive Office's instruction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Service Excellence, by providing responsive, high quality public service. The CLEAR Program is a collaborative effort between multiple jurisdictions that commit to ridding neighborhoods of street violence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

OJJDP awarded the City of Los Angeles grant funds for the CLEAR Program. The County's total allocation, via the City of Los Angeles, is $383,799 and is broken down as follows: $89,551 to the Sheriff's Department; $153,518 to the District Attorney's Office; and $140,730 to the Probation Department.

The PSA covers the period between September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2007. This agreement was extended from its original term of September 1, 2005, to August 31, 2006, to allow the release of funding from OJJDP.

The portion allocated for the Sheriff's Department funded a percentage of salaries and employee benefits for staff assigned at the East Los Angeles CLEAR site under the direction of one (1) lieutenant. The portion allocated for the District Attorney's Office funded a percentage of salaries and employee benefits for one (1) deputy district attorney III position. The portion allocated for the Probation Department funded a percentage of salaries and employee benefits for eight (8) deputy probation officer II positions.

The revenue has been included in both the Sheriff's Department's and District Attorney's Office's respective Fiscal Year 2008-09 budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order for the County Departments to claim reimbursement from the City of Los Angeles for the CLEAR Program, the PSA between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles must be signed by the County Departments receiving funding.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Departments and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The PSA is for services rendered in the past and, therefore, will not impact current services.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return four (4) certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Sheriff's Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

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SHERIFF

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