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

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
TO PURCHASE EIGHT INMATE TRANSPORTATION BUSES  
THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 CARL MOYER PROGRAM  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This letter is a joint recommendation by the Sheriff and the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD) to request Board approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to purchase the remaining 8 of 24 inmate transportation buses (Buses), pursuant to Agreement 12173 with grant funding from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 Carl Moyer Program (Moyer Grant) and authorize ISD, in its capacity as the County Purchasing Agent (Agent), to proceed with the solicitation and purchase of the Buses, not exceeding the total amount of \$4,611,000.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Authorize ISD, in its capacity as the Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of the eight Buses, not to exceed \$4,611,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to replace and purchase the remaining 8 of 24 Buses with grant funding from the SCAQMD through the Moyer Grant, Agreement Number 12173, and to authorize the Agent to proceed with the solicitation and procurement of these capital assets with a cost of more than \$250,000. The Department currently operates 82 prisoner transportation coach-style buses that together are driven more than 2.4 million miles per year. Based upon industry standards, these buses should be replaced after 12 years or 500,000 miles. However, in the last

decade, the Department has not met its ongoing bus replacement needs due to budget constraints. The Department currently has 30 buses that meet or exceed replacement criteria. The age and condition of these buses have resulted in higher operating costs and untimely breakdowns.

### Background

On June 12, 2012, the Chairman of the Board executed Agreement Number 12173 with SCAQMD, in the amount of \$4,394,694 to partially fund the replacement and purchase of 16 of 24 Buses. Recommendation Number 3 authorized ISD, in its capacity as the Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of the 16 Buses. The 16 Buses have been delivered and are currently in service.

On April 16, 2013, the Chairman of the Board executed Agreement Number 13249 with SCAQMD, in the amount of \$2,567,422 to partially fund the replacement and purchase 13 additional Buses. These 13 Buses have not been acquired.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommendations are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, by reducing fleet downtime for repairs; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, by reducing nitrous oxide and particulate emissions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to net County cost. The total estimated cost for the replacement of the remaining eight Buses from Agreement Number 12173 will be \$4,611,000. A total of \$1,108,000 will be funded by the Moyer Grant and the remaining balance of \$3,503,000 will be funded from the Department's Processing Fee Fund. This funding will be included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Supplemental Budget Request.

There will be no impact to the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, or the Alternate Public Defender's Office.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Upon Board approval, the implementation of this project will assist the Department in meeting State and local environmental objectives, namely to reduce vehicle emissions. The Department's oldest diesel buses produce significant nitrogen oxide and toxic particulate matter emissions, which are associated with a wide variety of respiratory illnesses, heart disease, various cancers, and other health concerns. All the new Buses will produce less than half of the nitrous oxide and particulate emissions of just one of the Department's old buses.

Agreement Number 12173, was effective on July 9, 2012, and terminates on June 30, 2027. Pursuant to the Agreement, all 24 Buses shall be purchased, delivered, and accepted by June 20, 2016.

As a condition of Agreement 12173, the Department's buses being replaced must be dismantled and destroyed.

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy whereby departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisition to the County Purchasing Agent.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301(a), (d), and (f) of CEQA guidelines.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The procurement of these Buses is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures established by the County's ISD.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will improve the operation of inmate transportation. The purchase of replacement Buses will greatly reduce the risk of bus breakdowns and the associated disruptions when the inmates are on board. This action will also significantly reduce the nitrogen oxide and particulate matter emissions associated with a wide variety of health concerns.

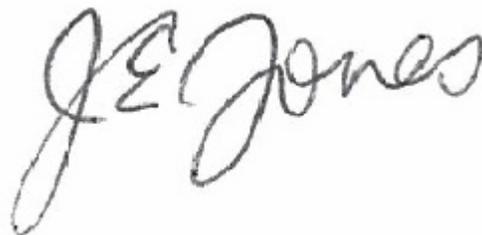
**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return two original adopted letters to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



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Sheriff



JIM JONES  
Acting Director