STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B

OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

1:00 PM

23. Recommendation: Designate the Child Support Services Department as the agency responsible for monitoring compliance with Board Policy Number 6.040 entitled "Departmental Web Pages - Hot Links to the District Attorney's "L.A.'s Most Wanted: Delinquent Parents' List"; change the Policy's title to "Departmental Web Pages - Hot links to the Child Support Services Department's Most Wanted List"; delete all Policy references to the "District Attorney" and replace them with references to the "Child Support Services Department" where appropriate; and make other minor grammatical changes to make the policy easier to read and understand. **(Child Support Services Department)** (09-2078)

On motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, this item was approved.

Ayes:	4 -	Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Supervisor Knabe
Absent:	1 -	Supervisor Antonovich

Attachments: Board Letter

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held September 8, 2009, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Child Support Services Department

STEVEN J. GOLIGHTLY
Director

September 8, 2009

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY NUMBER 6.040 FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE TO THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Chief Information Office (CIO) and the Child Support Services Department have reviewed Board Policy Number 6.040 (Policy) entitled "Departmental Web Pages – Hot Links to D.A.'s 'L.A.'s Most Wanted: Delinquent Parents' List." Upon review, both departments concluded that certain revisions are necessary to update the Policy.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the recommendation to designate the Child Support Services Department as the agency responsible for monitoring compliance with the Policy;

2. Accept the recommendation to change the Policy's title to "Departmental Web Pages – Hot Links to the Child Support Services Department's Most Wanted List";

3. Accept the recommendation to delete all Policy references to the "District Attorney" and replace them with references to the "Child Support Services

Department" where appropriate; and

4. Accept the recommendation to make other minor grammatical changes to make the policy easier to read and understand.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED **ACTION:**

Publicizing the names and likeness of parents who have been criminally prosecuted for and convicted of the failure to pay child support is a support enforcement tool used by the Child Support Services Department (CSSD). Including a link to the CSSD's "Most Wanted" list furthers CSSD's enforcement efforts. As such, CSSD is the agency that should be responsible for monitoring other County departments' compliance with the Policy.

It is appropriate to change the title of the Policy to ensure that the Policy references the Child Support Services Department, the County agency responsible for generating and maintaining a list of parents who have been criminally prosecuted for and convicted of the failure to pay child support.

The Policy contains several references to the District Attorney's Office relative to child support enforcement. Responsibility for child support enforcement now lies with the Child Support Services Department, as such, it is appropriate to delete Policy references to the "District Attorney," and replace them with references to the "Child Support Services Department."

Implementation Of Strategic Plan Goals:

This request is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2 (Children, Family and Adult Well-Being), in that publicizing the CSSD's "Most Wanted" list enhances CSSD's child support enforcement efforts in both general and specific ways. Generally, publication of the list sends a clear message that unlawful failure to pay child support can and will (in appropriate cases) be prosecuted in Los Angeles County. This may serve as a deterrent for certain parents who would otherwise avoid their court-ordered child support obligations. In addition, publication of the list assists in the apprehension of those parents on the list and/or encourages those parents to turn themselves in and begin making support payments.

FINANCING/FISCAL IMPACT:

None. The recommended action will designate CSSD as the agency responsible for monitoring the websites of other County departments to ensure compliance with the Policy. Although CSSD uses criminal prosecution as an enforcement tool of last resort, collections negotiated by our Criminal Prosecution Division positively impact CSSD's overall child support collections. Due in part to the child support collections negotiated by the Criminal Prosecution Division, the CSSD's June 2009 collection rate for current child support reached the highest level ever recorded in the history of the CSSD.

CSSD employs staff skilled in the Information and Technology arena. The time and resources that it will take existing staff to periodically check the websites of the other County departments to ensure compliance can be incorporated into the employees' existing workload without undue burden.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

In 1997 the Board adopted a policy that required each County department to have on its website, a link to the District Attorney's "L. A.'s Most Wanted Delinquent Parents List." That policy is codified as Board Policy Number 6.040. In 1997, the District Attorney had responsibility for child support enforcement. The District Attorney's list contained, among other things, the name and picture of certain parents who were criminally prosecuted for and convicted of the failure to pay court-ordered child support.

In July 2001, the County of Los Angeles Child Support Services Department was created and assumed the child support enforcement duties formerly carried out by the Office of the District Attorney. CSSD also maintains a list of parents who have been criminally prosecuted for and convicted of the failure to pay court-ordered child support. CSSD's list is called the "Most Wanted" list and contains the same type of information formerly contained in the District Attorney's delinquent parents list.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Golightly
Director

c: Chief Executive Office
Chief Information Office
Executive Office

Los Angeles County
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY MANUAL

Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
6.040	Departmental Web Pages – Hot Links to the Child Support Services Department's "Most Wanted" List	12/09/07

PURPOSE

Provides a way to expose the Child Support Services Department's list of non-custodial parents who have been convicted of failure to pay court-ordered child support and for whom arrest warrants have been issued to the widest possible audience to help apprehend these individuals.

REFERENCE

December 9, 1997 Board Order, Synopsis 50

January 28, 1998 Chief Information Officer memo, "Departments to Establish Website Link from their Department's Internet Home Page to the D.A.'s "L.A.'s Most Wanted Delinquent Parent List".

POLICY

As part of a larger effort to publicize the **Child Support Services Department's "Most Wanted"** list, each County department is required to have on its website a hot link to the Child Support Services Department's web page, http://cssd.lacounty.gov, containing that list. The Chief Information Office and the Internal Services Department are to assist departments in establishing that link.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

The Child Support Services Department will monitor compliance with this policy with the assistance of the Chief Information Office.

DATE ISSUED/SUNSET DATE

Issue Date: December 9, 1997 **Sunset Date: November 15, 2001**

Review Date: November 15, 2001
Review Date: November 18, 2004
Review Date: August 20, 2009

Sunset Review Date: December 9, 2004
Sunset Review Date: December 9, 2007
Sunset Review Date: December 9, 2011