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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO WILLIAM CLAY SETTLE (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds, to three individuals who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and conviction of Myron Urssery, who was convicted of murdering William Clay Settle.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On August 13, 2016, at approximately 1:18 a.m., William Clay Settle was fatally shot on a walkway at 1710 East Avenue J-4 in Lancaster. Deputies responded to the location, an apartment complex, regarding a gunshot victim call and discovered the victim lying unresponsive on the walkway. Mr. Settle sustained gunshot wounds to his upper torso and was pronounced dead at the scene.

On September 6, 2016, the Board approved a \$20,000 reward and on November 22, 2016, the reward was extended to assist the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in solving the crime. Additionally, on April 10, 2018, the Board reinstated the reward.

During the course of the investigation, detectives interviewed the three claimants who provided information leading to the arrest of suspect Myron Urssery. On February 9, 2018, all three claimants testified in the preliminary hearing and jury trial, in which Myron Urssery was convicted of murder and sentenced to 31 years in prison.

A panel of individuals representing the Sheriff's Department, Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and the Executive Office of the Board reviewed the claims filed for the reward funds. The panel is recommending the \$20,000 reward be distributed between the three claimants who provided information to law enforcement, with one-third to each claimant. In accordance with the provision of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 4 – Revenue and Finance, the Board must now consider the claims and make a final determination for distribution of the reward funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the above recommendation supports the County Strategic Goal II.2 – Support the Wellness of our Communities. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcement which could lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of individuals who commit crimes and removing such individuals from the community, thereby reducing violence and improving the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board of Supervisors established a \$20,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$4,000 from each Supervisor's budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering case rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts causing injury to persons or property. Your Board, from time to time, has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with the County Code, Title 4 – Revenue and Finance relating to rewards, specifically Section 4.50.010B, which states, "conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons."

The Notice of Reward offered was posted on the Board of Supervisors' website and published in the Antelope Valley Press.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation does not impact other current County services or projects.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Celia Zavala". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

CELIA ZAVALA

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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