



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held November 15, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Nationwide, abandoned vehicles pose an environmental, health and safety hazard. They also lower property values and have a negative impact on our quality of life. The task of identifying and removing junk cars diverts local, County and State government resources from more serious issues such as protecting the public and crime prevention.

“Michigan is taking action to protect the public as well as the beauty and integrity of its communities. To help reduce the number of impounded and abandoned vehicles, Michigan passed the Abandoned Vehicle Law, effective October 1, 2005. The Law streamlines the procedures for identifying and processing impounded and abandoned vehicles, while protecting the rights of vehicle owners.

“The Law provides vehicle owners, law enforcement and ‘custodians’ (towing agencies, law enforcement agencies and municipal impound lots) with the tools needed to combat this problem by establishing a website where abandoned vehicles can be located by Vehicle Identification Number or License Number.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to send correspondence to the Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles, urging her to explore a program similar to the State of Michigan’s “Abandoned Vehicle Law” to streamline the procedures for identifying and processing impounded and abandoned vehicles in California, by establishing a website where the vehicles can be located by Vehicle Identification Number or License Number, and to consider Los Angeles County as a site for a pilot program.

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