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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROBATION AND FORMER PROBATION YOUTH (3 VOTE, ALL DISTRICTS)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a monetary donation in the amount of $72,000 from Dr. Dale Laurance to fund a scholarship in his name for current or former juvenile probationers to pursue higher education opportunities.

2. Instruct the Chairman to prepare and send an appropriate letter of appreciation to Dr. Laurance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

In accordance with County policy, donations with a value in excess of $10,000 require acceptance by your Board. Dr. Dale R. Laurance, of the Laurance Family Foundation is providing a donation of $72,000 that exceeds this amount. Approval of the above recommendation will allow the Probation Department to accept the donation in support of providing academic scholarships to transition age youth preparing to exit or who have exited the probation system.

Dr. Laurance has been providing scholarships to deserving probation youth for approximately seven years. His most recent generous donation enabled at least three students to pursue their academic goals. Two of those students successfully obtained undergraduate degrees and are enrolled in graduate programs and the third is on target to graduate from a four-year university next year.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal #1, Service Excellence Goal, and Goal #5, Children and Families' Well-Being.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The monetary donation of $72,000 will provide academic scholarships for current or former probation youth to purse their higher education goals. Upon approval, the monetary donation will be deposited in the Department's VISTO-Success is Our Future trust account.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

State law authorizes acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government code Section 25355.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The donation by Mr. Laurance constitutes an on going effort to assist the Department's support of educational achievement for Los Angeles County probation youth.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Probation Officer

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel