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

Dear Supervisors:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE: ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE
FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney (DA), Chief of the Office of Public Safety (OPS), and the Director of the Department of the Coroner to accept on behalf of the County, \$109,874 in reimbursement funds allocated by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2007 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since June 1999, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Chief Executive Office (CEO), to submit an application to the BJA for the County's participation in the BVP program. The purpose of the program is to preserve the lives of law enforcement officers by providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies so that they can procure bulletproof vests for their officers. Under the provisions of the BVP, the Federal government will reimburse a portion of the cost of each vest purchased by a local agency.

The Sheriff, DA, OPS, and Coroner are eligible for participation in this program. The BVP program requires each County department to apply for reimbursement electronically via the BVP website. The CEO, as the County's designated contact, reviews, verifies, and combines the departmental submissions into a single application that is formally submitted. The application for FFY 2007 funding was submitted on April 26, 2007.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This program meets the County's Strategic Goal No. 2: Workforce Excellence by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2007 BVP application requested reimbursement for 1,938 bulletproof vests. The individual requests from the departments are as follows:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Coroner | 42 | \$37,622 |
| District Attorney | 70 | \$25,991 |
| Office of Public Safety | 226 | \$64,206 |
| Sheriff's Department | <u>1,600</u> | <u>\$450,320</u> |
| TOTAL | 1,938 | \$578,139 |

The BJA awarded the County \$109,874 in reimbursement funds or 19 percent of each vest. Departments that receive a BVP allocation are responsible for the remaining costs. The eligible departments have sufficient allocations within their budgets to cover the remaining costs. The proportional award amounts are as follows:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Total Cost</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Coroner | \$37,622 | \$7,150 |
| District Attorney | \$25,991 | \$4,940 |
| Office of Public Safety | \$64,206 | \$12,202 |
| Sheriff's Department | <u>\$450,320</u> | <u>\$85,582</u> |
| TOTAL | \$578,139 | \$109,874 |

The CEO will disburse the awarded reimbursement funding in the amounts proportionate to each Department's total armor vest order as reflected in the above chart. The reimbursement deadline date for bulletproof vests purchased under the FFY 2007 BVP is September 30, 2011.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

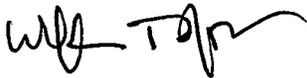
In June of 1998, the BVP Act of 1998 was signed into law as Public Law 105-181 (S. 1605). The FFY 2007 Department of Justice Appropriations Act has made \$28.6 million dollars available nationwide for bulletproof vest purchases. The BVP Act provides funding priority to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000 residents.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The primary concern of the BVP is to protect the lives of peace officers around the nation. BVP assists the County in providing the necessary protection to ensure that personnel are adequately protected.

Please contact Mr. Michael Iwanaga, CEO Public Safety, at (213) 974-6806, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



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