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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

June 4, 2008

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

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF A NONMONETARY DONATION OF $117,555 FROM THE SAFE CITIES FOUNDATION (SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Acceptance of a nonmonetary donation of piloting video surveillance technology, to be used in the Century Sheriff's Station dispatch center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a nonmonetary donation totaling $117,555 from the Safe Cities Foundation for the purpose of piloting video surveillance technology at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Century Sheriff's Station.

2. Instruct the Sheriff to send a letter expressing his appreciation to the Safe Cities Foundation for their generous nonmonetary gift.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is examining the effectiveness and viability of advanced video surveillance and acoustic gunshot detection technology systems in patrol. In July 2007, the Board funded personnel to support the creation of the Department's Advanced Surveillance and Protection (ASAP) Unit. Since its inception, the ASAP Unit has assisted with successful deployment of advanced technologies in patrol. This nonmonetary donation expands the use of video surveillance equipment, supported by a secured wireless infrastructure, streaming into a state-of-the-art Dispatch Command Center at Century Sheriff's Station.

Combined with the existing acoustic gunshot detection system ("Shotspotter"), ASAP, and radio cars equipped with Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR), this nonmonetary donation equips the Department to assess the effectiveness and viability of video surveillance in the unincorporated areas, at no cost to the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this gift promotes the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Service Excellence, as this donation will further demonstrate the value of a public/private partnership that improves County services to the citizens of Los Angeles County. This donation also promotes Strategic Plan Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by saving the County the materials cost for deploying such a system at Century Sheriff's Station.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No financing is required unless the Department validates its effectiveness and approves costs associated with annual maintenance. The industry standard for annual maintenance of this type of system is approximately $17,633.25 or 15 percent and will be absorbed by the Department through normal procedures.

Acceptance of this donation will have a positive impact to the County, as it will save the County costs for purchasing such a system, while determining its usefulness in the unincorporated areas. The Safe Cities Foundation is a charitable organization and its contributors have no business interest in surveillance technologies, thereby removing any subjective business influences during the assessment (pilot) phase of deployment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the recommended action will have no effect on the environment.

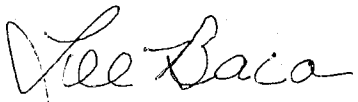
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current Department services or projects during the performance of the recommended upgrade.

CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's approval, please return an adopted stamped copy of the letter to Captain James J. Hellmold, Century Sheriff's Station, 11703 South Alameda, Lynwood, California, 90762.

Sincerely,



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