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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF A NON-MONETARY DONATION OF $40,000 FROM PDM CORPORATION (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Acceptance of a non-monetary donation to enhance the ability of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau (Department) to record and inventory its interviews.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a non-monetary donation totaling $40,000 from PDM Corporation for the purpose of enhancing the Department's ability to video and archive its interviews of suspects and witnesses in homicide cases.

2. Instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to sign and forward the attached letter of appreciation to PDM Corporation for their generous non-monetary gift of $40,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department conducts thousands of interviews each year. PDM Corporation has generously offered to donate an "Interview Tracker" digital recorder to the Department. The Interview Tracker will allow Homicide Bureau to more efficiently record interviews via video and audio. The system allows multiple investigators the ability to

simultaneously view live, record, and playback interviews from any authorized secure network computer. The interviews can be transferred to a Digital Video Disc (DVD) to share with other investigators and the District Attorney's Office. A copy of the interviews will be stored on a secure server for archival purposes and a DVD copy will be stored in the case file. This will result in investigators spending less time on administrative tasks and more time investigating homicides in all five Supervisorial Districts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this gift promotes the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, as this donation will further demonstrate the value of a public/private partnership that improves services to the citizens of Los Angeles County at no cost to the Department, and will make the retrieval of archived information more efficient.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

PDM Corporation will provide, at no cost to the County, the equipment to be used by the Department. The donation includes a one-year warranty that covers hardware failure and software upgrades. Homicide Bureau will continue to use its current interview tracking system as a back-up in the event the donated system fails to meet its needs. After the one-year warranty expires, the Department will evaluate the need to purchase additional warranties for the donated system. The current price for a one-year warranty is $4,900.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

Acceptance of this donation will have a positive impact to the County, as it will allow investigators to spend less time on administrative tasks associated with the recording and inventory of interviews.

This Board letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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 Sergeant Robert Peacock, Sheriff's Homicide Bureau.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF