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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

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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO THE STABBING OF TWO MOVIE PATRONS AT THE CINEMARK 22 THEATRE IN LANCASTER (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the total amount of \$10,000, to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds, to the individual who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension of the suspect and conviction of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and other charges.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On Saturday, February 27, 2010 at about 11:10 p.m., two movie patrons were stabbed with a meat thermometer at the Cinemark 22 Theatre in Lancaster following a verbal altercation over the use of a cellular phone during a movie.

On March 16, 2010, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, the Board offered a \$10,000 reward in order to assist the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Operations Safe Street in obtaining information relative to this case.

During the investigation, law enforcement officials were provided with information from the claimant who described the suspect to the Detective of the Lancaster Police Department and provided the

suspect's wife's name and address, described the suspect's vehicle, and told the detective what school the suspect was attending.

As a result of this information, the suspect was apprehended, convicted and sentenced to 43 years to life. The witness filed a claim for the reward with the Executive Office on July 6, 2010.

A panel of individuals representing the Sheriff, Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and the Executive Officer of the Board reviewed the claim filed for the reward fund. The panel is recommending the reward be paid to the individual who provided information to law enforcement.

In accordance with the provisions of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance, your Board must now consider the claim and make a final determination for distribution of the reward funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommendation supports the County Strategic Goal of Service Excellence. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcement which could lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of the individuals who commit crimes, thereby improving the quality of life to residents of Los Angeles County by removing such individuals from the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board of Supervisors established a \$10,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$2,000 from each Supervisors' budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering cash rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts. Your Board, from time to time has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with the County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance relating to rewards; and specifically Section 4.50.010B which states "conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons."

The Notice of Reward Offered was posted on the Board of Supervisors' website and published in the Antelope Valley Press. In addition, copies were provided to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lancaster Station, Operations Safe Street.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation does not impact other current County services or projects.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sachi A. Hamai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end of the last name.

SACHI A. HAMAI

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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c: Sheriff
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller