



County of Los Angeles  
Chief Executive Office

## **PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Conf. Rm. 830

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Chief Executive Officer

### **AGENDA**

Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)** [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:
  - A. Board Letter:  
REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE VARIOUS REAL ESTATE AGREEMENTS AT SEVEN COUNTY-OWNED OR COUNTY-LEASED SITES FRO THE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION NETWORK AND THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
Speaker(s): Michael Rodriguez (CEO)
  
3. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**
  - A. Board Briefing:  
ART OF JUSTICE  
Speaker(s): Kristin Sakoda (Arts & Culture) and Denise Grande (Arts Education)
  
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
(2 minutes each speaker)

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

#### **CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Earving Gonzalez. v. County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC026383

Department: Sheriff

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Richard Freeman, Jr., et al. v. Cons Fire Protection District, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC690534

Department: Fire

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Portland Holmes v. County of Los Angeles, et. al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC677789

Department: Probation

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**6. UPCOMING ITEM(S):**

- A.** Board Briefing:  
IACP HIRING REPORT ON SHERIFF HIRING AND RECRUITMENT  
Speaker(s): Carl Maupin (IACP) and John McBride (Sheriff)

**BOARD LETTER / MEMO – FACT SHEET  
OPERATIONS CLUSTER**

<b>OPS CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	9/5/2019	
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	9/17/2019	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Sheriff, ISD, Parks and Sanitation.	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approve delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee to consent to, approve, negotiate and/or execute 11 real estate documents at 7 County owned or leased sites for County public safety communication network and projects of the Los Angeles Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS). The 3 County owned locations are the Sheriff Training Academy (STAR), the Scholl Canyon Landfill (SCHCYN), and the Los Verdes Golf Course (RPVT). The 4 County leased locations are San Pedro Hill Communication Site (SPH) owned by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Black Jack (BJM) and Tower Peak (TWR) Communication Sites owned by Catalina Conservancy (Conservancy), and Whitaker Ridge (WTR) owned by the US Forest Service.	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	LA-RICS	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	Federal funding constraints limits the time line for preconstruction activities starting with the Board recommendation process.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$161,250 annually for 3 land leases	Funding source: 100% County Cost
	<b>TERMS (if applicable):</b> SPH – 5 years only BJM and TWR – 5 years + two 5-year options to renew Explanation: At SPH, FAA can only allow a 5-year term even though the County has been there 30+ years. At BJM and TWR, Conservancy will charge heavy penalty for early terminations.	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval of the recommendation will expedite the development of 7 LA-RICS sites and will allow federal funds (>15 million) to be timely spent during the applicable grant performance periods. The grant funding deadline for 7 project construction completions has been extended to 6/30/2020. A large amount of pre-construction activities is required before this funding period expires.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist)</b>	The proposed leases preserve the use of existing County public safety communication facilities and allow the sites to be used by LA-RICS for its second phase Long Term Evolution (LTE2) System and Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System.	
<b>DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Michael G. Rodriguez CEO Real Estate Division 213-974-4246 <a href="mailto:MGRodriguez@ceo.lacounty.gov">MGRodriguez@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>	



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September 17, 2019

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:

**REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO  
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE VARIOUS REAL ESTATE AGREEMENTS AT SEVEN COUNTY-  
OWNED OR COUNTY-LEASED SITES FOR COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK AND THE LOS ANGELES  
REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
(FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This recommendation is a request for delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, (CEO) or her designee, to approve, negotiate and/or execute real estate agreements at seven sites, which are County-owned or County-leased in order to preserve the use of existing County public safety communication facilities, and allow the sites be used by the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (LA-RICS) for its second phase Long Term Evolution System and Land Mobile Radio System. The seven sites are: (1) Monte Vista Sheriff Training Academy and Regional Service Center; (2) Scholl Canyon Landfill; (3) San Pedro Hill; (4) Black Jack Mountain; (5) Tower Peak; (6) Whitaker Ridge; and (7) Rancho Palos Verdes Golf Course.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Acting as a responsible agency with respect to the County's public safety communication network and second phase of LA-RICS' Long Term Evolution (LTE2) System and the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System projects, find that approval and execution of the 11 real estate documents summarized in Attachment 1 to allow for the construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of LTE 2 and LMR System equipment at the seven sites below are exempt as follows for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and as noted in the record of the project:

(1) Monte Vista Sheriff Training Academy and Regional Service Center (Monte Vista) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304;

(2) Scholl Canyon Landfill (Scholl) is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303, 15304 and 15332;

(3) San Pedro Hill is statutorily exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project;

(4)-(6) Black Jack Mountain (Black Jack), Tower Peak, and Whitaker Ridge (Whitaker) are within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the LMR System, which was previously certified by the LA-RICS under CEQA on March 29, 2016 and which was previously considered by the Board on April 12, 2016; that the environmental findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program previously adopted by the Board are applicable to the currently recommended actions; and there are no changes to the project at these three sites or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require revisions to the previous EIR due to new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

(7) Rancho Palos Verdes Golf Course (RPV Golf Course) is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15304.

2. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to negotiate and execute the 11 real estate documents set forth in Attachment 1, to preserve the use of existing County public safety communication facilities, and allow the sites be used by LA-RICS for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of the County's public safety communication network, the LMR System, and LTE 2 System, with approval as to form by County Counsel.

3. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to negotiate, approve, execute and/or grant any other consents, ancillary documentation or amendments, approved as to form by County Counsel, which are necessary to effectuate the real estate documents described in Attachment 1 and the activities permitted under those documents, including executing documents evidencing County's consent, as land owner, to LA-RICS' applications needed for any coastal, zoning, or land use permits.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

LA-RICS was formed in 2009, as a Joint Powers Authority comprised of independent cities, the County, and other public agencies throughout Los Angeles County. The LA-RICS network will provide first and secondary responders with the technology to coordinate, in real time, their response in day-to-day operations, and during emergencies. The County is currently a user of the LMR System and will be a user of the LTE 2 System.

The Out Grant License with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for San Pedro Hill and the ground leases with Conservancy for Black Jack and Tower Peak are needed for the County to maintain its existing County public safety communication network. In addition, the real estate agreements described in Attachment 1 will facilitate the implementation of the LMR System which are located at San Pedro Hill, Black Jack, Tower Peak, Whitaker, and RPV Golf Course and the LTE2 System which are located at Monte Vista and Scholl.

Federal funding for the LA-RICS projects mandates specific time frames to meet certain milestones of preconstruction activities. The delegated authority to the CEO, or her designee, in processing and executing the real estate agreements will expedite the development of these LA-RICS sites and will allow federal funds to be timely spent during the applicable grant performance periods.

#### LTE System: Monte Vista and Scholl

Since the Board's approval of the assignment of twenty-eight (28) LA-RICS LTE sites to AT&T in January 22, 2019, LA-RICS received approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to build three additional County LTE 2 sites, including Monte Vista and Scholl. Monte Vista is a current LMR System site with an existing Site Access Agreement (SAA) which needs to be amended to allow the collocation of LTE 2 to the existing LA-RICS tower. At Scholl, the proposed SAA would allow LA-RICS to locate an LTE 2 tower and related equipment at this site. Both the proposed amendment for Monte Vista and the proposed SAA for Scholl will be consistent with prior SAAs that the Board has approved with LA-RICS.

#### LMR System and Black Jack, San Pedro Hill, RPV Golf Course, Tower Peak and Whitaker sites

The proposed SAAs at Black Jack, San Pedro Hill, RPV Golf Course, Tower Peak, and Whitaker will also be consistent with prior SAAs that the Board has approved. These SAAs will only be signed by the CEO, or her designee, after the LA-RICS plans are approved by the County and consented to by the Conservancy and FAA, who are the landowners.

The County is currently on a month-to-month lease with FAA for use of the San Pedro Hill site. As part of this authority, the CEO, or her designee, will negotiate and execute a proposed Out Grant Lease in order to secure rights from Federal Aviation Administration for itself and the right to sublicense to LA-RICS. The proposed Out Grant Lease will be for a term of five years as Federal Aviation Administration is only willing to provide a five-year term at this time. The consideration includes payment of an annual rent at a fixed rate of \$3.214 per square feet for a 3,500 square foot area, which amounts to approximately \$11,250 annually for the entire term and will be subject to approval as to form by County Counsel. Even though rent is increasing substantially from the last rent paid by the County for this site, Federal Aviation Administration is insistent that it charge the County market rent but is willing to provide the County with a public agency discount of 25 percent. Once the County has obtained the rights to use the San Pedro Hill site and all other conditions are met, then the CEO, or her designee, will execute the proposed SAA with LA-RICS.

Similarly, with respect to the two Santa Catalina Island sites of Black Jack and Tower Peak, the County is currently in holdover under the existing ground leases for use of these sites. The CEO, or her designee, will negotiate and execute the proposed ground leases to secure rights to continue to use these sites from the Catalina Conservancy. The proposed ground lease for Black Jack will be for a term of ten years and payment of rent at approximately \$75,000 annually subject to Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual increases capped at 3 percent. The proposed ground lease for Tower Peak will be for a term of ten years and payment of rent at approximately \$75,000 annually subject to CPI annual increases capped at 3 percent. In addition, both proposed ground leases will generally be on similar terms and conditions as the existing ground leases and subject to approval as to form by County Counsel. The CEO, or her designee, will also negotiate and execute a proposed SAA with LA-RICS, and a proposed sublease with the Catalina Conservancy, in order to allow LA-RICS and Conservancy's tenants to use the Black Jack site and collocate on a new tower to be built by LA-RICS. The proposed sublease will be for a term which matches the ground lease term (ten years) and will include rent to be negotiated but will not be an amount less than the amount the

County pays under the proposed ground lease, and generally be on similar terms and conditions as the existing sublease and subject to approval as to form by County Counsel. Once the County has obtained the rights to use Black Jack and Tower Peak and all other conditions are met, then the CEO, or her designee, will execute the proposed SAAs with LA-RICS.

The terms and conditions of all the proposed SAAs authorized herein will be consistent with the form of prior SAAs approved by the Board and will outline the LA-RICS's responsibilities including utility payments, maintenance obligations, as well as certain insurance and indemnity requirements. Consistent with prior SAAs, these proposed SAAs will be provided to LA-RICS on a gratis basis, until cancellation by either side, or termination of the Master Lease Agreement, and will be subject to approval as to form by County Counsel. The Chief Executive Office will work collaboratively with all of the impacted County departments to ensure final site layouts of the LTE2 and LMR System sites are approved by the departments prior to any construction or installation of equipment.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed agreements support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Realizing Tomorrow's Government Today, specifically by Embracing Digital Government for the Benefit of our Internal Customers and Communities (Strategy III.2) and Pursuing Operational Effectiveness (Strategy III.3). Upon entering into the proposed agreements, LA-RICS will be in a position to complete the development of a modern public safety LMR and LTE2 communications system that will maximize the effectiveness of processes, structure, and operations to support the timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services, particularly in the areas of public safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The granting of SAAs to LA-RICS will be on a gratis basis. With respect to the County for its proposed ground lease agreements with the Catalina Conservancy and FAA, the fiscal impacts are shown on the table attached as Attachment 2.

The table in Attachment 2 shows the proposed annual County rent costs. The Black Jack and Tower Peak rent are subject to annual increases based on CPI capped at 3 percent.

The County will remain responsible for operating expenses associated with County operations at San Pedro Hill, Black Jack, and Tower Peak. The Sheriffs (Sheriff) and/or the Internal Services Department (ISD) have budgeted funds to operate the County facilities for the past 40+ years and will remain responsible for such costs. Under the existing sublease, the Conservancy pays 15 percent of revenues it receives to cover its share of operating expenses. CEO would require that the Conservancy continue to pay its fair share. At its sole cost, LA-RICS will construct, install, own, operate, and maintain the LMR System and remain responsible for all related utility costs.

Sufficient funding to cover the proposed ground leases rents for the proposed new lease agreements are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Rent Expense budget and will be billed back to both ISD and Sheriff, who have sufficient funding in their FY 2019-20 operating budget to cover these costs for the same period. Beginning in FY 2020-21, ongoing funding for the proposed lease amendment will be part of the budget for ISD and Sheriff. These rental costs are 100 percent net County cost.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The SAAs are necessary to license certain real property, owned or leased by the County, for LA-RICS's use as LTE 2 and/or LMR communications sites. San Pedro Hill, Black Jack, Tower Peak, Whitaker, and RPV Golf Course sites will form part of the LMR System per the Board's approval of the SAAs.

Ongoing outreach to member agencies, residents, and homeowners associations, as well as Federal and non-profit agencies with interest in these sites, are being conducted. Door to door outreach to residents or businesses within 500 feet of all sites will also be conducted two weeks prior to the start of construction.

Three of the LMR sites are within the Santa Catalina Island Coastal Zone and are subject to the California Coastal Commission. The Department of Regional Planning requires a public hearing prior to issuing coastal development and conditional use permits for the proposed construction and installation of LMR System equipment in the coastal zone.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

### **MONTE VISTA, SCHOLL AND RPV GOLF COURSE SITES**

LA-RICS, as the CEQA lead agency, determined on: (1) January 24, 2019 that LTE System work at Monte Vista is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304; (2) July 11, 2019 that the LTE System work at Scholl is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15303, 15304, and 15332; and (3) July 11, 2019 that LMR System work at RPV Golf Course is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15304. These determinations are based on a detailed analysis available in LA-RICS's files, which is incorporated in relevant part into the record of proceedings of the County for these sites.

The communication equipment proposed at site Monte Vista consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301). The work contemplated at Monte Vista, Scholl sites, and RPV Golf Course also consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and/or the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure (CEQA Guidelines Section 15303). The work contemplated at Monte Vista, Scholl and RPV Golf Course sites also consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (CEQA Guidelines Section 15304). In addition, the work contemplated at site Scholl also qualifies as in-fill development (CEQA Guidelines Section 15332). The analysis also demonstrates that none of the activities proposed at Monte Vista, Scholl and RPV Golf Course sites, triggers any applicable exceptions to the identified categorical exemptions. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.)

The LTE System work at Monte Vista has undergone parallel federal environmental review under the National Environmental Protection Act, and National Telecommunications and Information Administration has issued an amended Finding of No Significant Impact for the LTE project inclusive of the Monte Vista site on May 14, 2019. The LTE and LMR System work at Scholl and RPV Golf Course sites is undergoing parallel federal environmental review under National Environmental



Protection Act.

## SITE SAN PEDRO HILL

As the CEQA lead agency, LA-RICS determined on December 12, 2016, that design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of LMR System infrastructure at site San Pedro Hill meets all of the criteria listed in Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for LA-RICS, which exempts these activities as long as they meet certain criteria set forth in the exemption. This determination is based upon substantial evidence in the custody of LA-RICS, which is incorporated in relevant part into the record of proceedings of the County for the SAA for San Pedro Hill.

## BLACK JACK, TOWER PEAK, and WHITAKER SITES

On March 29, 2016, LA-RICS Board certified the Final EIR for the LMR System in compliance with CEQA, made findings with respect to the environmental impacts of the project, and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring Program as a condition of approval for the project. On April 12, 2016, The Board, acting on behalf of the County, and as a responsible agency under CEQA, considered the Final EIR, which analyzed environmental impacts from the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of the LMR equipment when it delegated authority to the CEO, or her designee, to execute the Consent to SAAs and the SAAs at County sites. The currently recommended actions related to Black Jack, Tower Peak, and Whitaker sites are within the scope of the project analyzed in the previously certified Final EIR, and the Board's previous environmental findings and adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring Program are applicable to the current recommendations. There have been no changes to the project analyzed, or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, that would result in new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects or the need for additional mitigation, or the need for new findings under CEQA.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Notices of Exemption will be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for Monte Vista, San Pedro Hill, Scholl, and RPV Golf Course sites, and for Whitaker, Black Jack and Tower Peak sites.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will not compromise public safety missions or disrupt vital, existing communication services at each of the seven sites.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return five certified copies of the Minute Order to the Chief Executive Office, Real Estate Division, Hall of Records at 320 W. Temple Street, 7th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

SAH:FAD:DPH  
DL:JLC:MR:EJ:gw

Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
LA-RICS  
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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**List of Seven Sites and**  
**Eleven Real Estate Agreements**

SITE	FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	PARCEL OWNER	SUP. DISTRICT	PROJECT	AGREEMENT REQUEST
MONTE VISTA	Sheriff Training Academy & Regional Center	11515 Colima Rd.	Whittier	LA County	4	LTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment No. 1 to County &amp; LA-RICS LMR SAA</li> </ul>
SCHOLL	Scholl Canyon	3001 Scholl Canyon Road	Glendale	LA County	5	LTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTE SAA between LA-RICS &amp; County</li> </ul>
SAN PEDRO HILL	San Pedro Hill	3860 Crest Road E.	Rancho Palos Verdes	Federal Aviation Administration	4	LMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County &amp; FAA Out Grant License;</li> <li>• County &amp; LA-RICS LMR SAA</li> </ul>
BLACK JACK	Black Jack Peak	Mount Black Jack	Avalon	Santa Catalina Island Conservancy	4	LMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservancy &amp; County Ground Lease;</li> <li>• County &amp; Conservancy Sublease;</li> <li>• County &amp; LA-RICS SAA</li> </ul>
TOWER PEAK	Tower Peak	Banning House Road	Two Harbors	Santa Catalina Island Conservancy	4	LMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservancy &amp; County Ground Lease;</li> <li>• County &amp; LA-RICS LMR SAA</li> </ul>
WHITAKER	Whitaker Ridge	Whitaker Fire Road, Angeles National Forest	Unincorp	US Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service	5	LMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County &amp; LA-RICS SAA (for ingress/egress);</li> </ul>
RPV Golf Course	Rancho Palos Verdes Golf Course	7000 Los Verdes Drive	Rancho Palos Verdes	LA County	4	LMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County &amp; LA-RICS SAA</li> </ul>

ATTACHMENT 2  
Proposed Real Estate Rents for Three Ground Leases

Leased County Sites	Proprietor Department	Current Annual Ground lease cost to County	Proposed Annual Ground lease cost to County	Change in Annual Rent
Black Jack Mountain	ISD	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
Tower Peak	Sheriff/ISD	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$5,000
San Pedro Hill	ISD	\$5,000	\$11,250	\$6,250
Total		<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$161,250</b>	<b>\$86,250</b>



**Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture**  
**Investing in Justice-Involved Individuals Through the Arts**

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**FACT SHEET**

**MOTION**

In December, Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl authored a motion, [Investing in Justice-Involved Individuals Through the Arts](#), that directed the Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) to provide recommendations for elevating the arts as a criminal justice reform strategy. Over the last several months, the Chief Executive Office and the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture have worked with constituents, community groups, and department liaisons to prepare a report back to the Board due on September 12.

**BACKGROUND**

The LA County Department of Arts and Culture (formerly the Arts Commission) is committed to systems-reform efforts that emphasize a coordinated approach for positive youth development. Our aim is to embed the arts within multiple systems of care to promote healing, personal growth and overall well-being among young people (and their families) involved in – or at risk of becoming involved in – LA County systems.

With four years of contribution to LA County juvenile justice reform efforts, deep experience in arts education policy and planning, arts administration acumen, and close relationships with community arts partners across the region, Arts and Culture is well-positioned to lead systems-change work, grounded in arts practices, with County colleagues.

**STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH**

Arts and Culture has engaged in outreach to various community groups and stakeholders. Below is a summary of the meetings that were held to inform the report back.

*Arts Education Regional Plan Forums:* The Arts and Culture hosted 10 Community Forums across Los Angeles County (2 per Supervisorial District), between May 18 and June 22. The objective of the Community Forums was to collect insights from youth, parents, teaching artists – as well as representatives from schools, arts organizations, creative industries, workforce development and local government – regarding the role of the arts in helping to develop healthy children, healthy families and thriving communities. The Community Forums were held in the following areas:

- District 1: Boyle Heights and Pomona
- District 2: Lawndale and Los Angeles (West Adams)
- District 3: Northridge and Santa Monica
- District 4: Long Beach and Whittier
- District 5: Lancaster and Santa Clarita

*LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education Advisory Workgroup:* This workgroup was established to review data collected at various convenings and develop goals and strategies to be included in the LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education. The workgroup consists of community-based arts education providers, representatives from the six County cultural institutions, Arts Commissioners, staff from County Departments, cultural leaders, funders, and arts educators.

*LA County Arts Education Collective Youth Advisory Council:* Youth Advisory Council members are ensuring that youth voice and leadership is included in all aspects of our work. Specifically, Youth Advisory Council members attended Community Forums, are participating on the Advisory Workgroup, and proposing concrete policy recommendations, identifying goals and strategies, and formulating a vision for including youth voice in the ongoing leadership of the County's arts education initiative.

*Inter-Agency Youth Arts Task Force:* During June and July 2019, 62 representatives from 37 County departments, commissions, and offices participated in three inter-agency youth arts task force meetings to develop strategies for embedding the arts into County services that support youth and families.

*Meeting with Community-Based Organizations:* In collaboration with the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts, more than 70 representatives from community-based organizations with expertise in youth development and youth justice were invited to provide input from the field. A total of 26 representatives from 24 organizations gathered at the LA County Reentry Opportunity Center on August 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss current programs and resources, identify gaps and needs, and offer suggestions for how LA County can best elevate and implement the arts as a criminal justice reform strategy for both youth and adult populations. *A list of participants is attached.*

## **ROLE OF THE ARTS IN JUSTICE**

Over the course of the last few months, four themes that uplift the benefits of investing in arts and culture were identified by participants in the various outreach opportunities:

- **Well-being:** Arts and culture are integral to individual and community well-being. The arts can help County Departments address issues of mental health, emotional regulation, stability, and the social-emotional well-being of clients/stakeholders. The arts can also support self-care and wellness of LA County staff who directly serve system-involved populations.
- **Empowerment:** Arts and culture create a sense of ownership and pride in communities. They offer ways to connect creative voice and self-determination, to mentor and inspire system-involved individuals, and might be used as an alternative to punitive practices.
- **Empathy:** Arts and culture build empathy within and between individuals, families, and community members, and promote values of compassion, kindness, and service.
- **Inclusion:** Arts and culture provide opportunities to include, engage, celebrate, gather and educate diverse audiences, groups and individuals.

These four values guided Arts and Culture's development of a proposed Countywide infrastructure to support arts-based justice reform strategies.