

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

July 21, 2015

**AMENDMENT TO GRANT FROM MACARTHUR FOUNDATION
SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM**

The Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff have an obligation to promote and implement policies that protect public safety, reduce crime and victimization. According to the Sheriff’s Board Letter, accepting the \$150,000 grant from John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation will enable the Sheriff’s Department to identify ways to “safely reduce” the jail population “while reserving valuable jail resources for offenders who pose a significant risk to public safety.”

Assembly Bill 109, Proposition 47 and Assembly Bill 1468 have redefined the penal code for felons and reduced the rate of incarceration for thousands of felons.

Crime rates are on the rise countywide. In the Sheriff’s jurisdiction, violent crimes have increased by 3.5%, and total Part I crime (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, grand theft auto and arson) have increased by 6.4% for the first six months of this year over the same period of time last year. Property crimes have also increased by 7.1%. Last week, it was reported that the City of Los Angeles’ total violent crimes have increased by about 21% during the first six months of this year over the same period of time last year. Additionally, aggravated assaults are up 26%, rapes are up 8% and robbery is up 17%. For the first time in a decade, there was a 12% increase in the overall crime in the City of Los Angeles during the first six months of the year over last year.

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Our criminal justice policies, especially those which impact all 88 cities as well as our unincorporated areas (such as county jails) ought to be based on credible data and inclusive of victims of crime and other justice partners. All of these policies must also keep public safety as the top priority.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the Sheriff to:

1. Include victims groups and the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee's Public Safety Realignment Team's law enforcement work-group, in its planning efforts under the Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Program;
2. Develop clear goals, objectives and measureable outcomes for each strategy identified as part of this grant process; and,
3. Provide a comprehensive report to this Board prior to the next phase of this grant.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee to study, among other things, the relationship between the rising crime trends and AB 109, Proposition 47 and AB 1468 utilizing their master agreement for criminal justice research and evaluation and report the findings to this Board.

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