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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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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

Dear Supervisors:

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
TO ACCEPT UNCLAIMED VICTIM RESTITUTION FUNDS
FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND
DIRECT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
TO TRANSFER UNCLAIMED VICTIM RESTITUTION FUNDS
TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authority for the District Attorney's Office to accept transfers of Unclaimed Restitution funds from the Probation Department for the next five years and directs the Probation Department to transfer Unclaimed Restitution funds to the District Attorney's Office for the next five years. Current delegated authority for these transfers ends in August 2024.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney's Office to accept transfers of Unclaimed Restitution funds from the Probation Department for the next five years and to hold the funds in an account to be used for providing comprehensive services to victims of crime.
2. Directs the Probation Department to transfer Unclaimed Restitution funds to the District Attorney's Office for the next five years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to allow the County to continue compliance with Government Code section 50050. Under Government Code section 50050, any restitution collected by the County on behalf of victims which remains unclaimed after a period of three years and after the Treasurer-Tax Collector has published required notice, reverts to the County and may be used for victim services.

This Board has recognized the District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services as the major provider of comprehensive services to victims in the County with its Victim Witness Assistance Program. The District Attorney's Office requests Board approval to direct the Probation Department to transfer Unclaimed Restitution for the next five years. The District Attorney's Office will continue to request Board approval for the transfer every five years. The recommended action will enable the District Attorney's Office to expedite the transfer of Unclaimed Restitution from the Probation Department to be used for providing comprehensive services to victims of crime.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with both the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives: Aggressively address society's most complicated social, health, and public safety challenges, as well as Goal No. 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today: Be an innovative, flexible, effective, and transparent partner focused on public service and advancing the common good.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Unclaimed Restitution funds victim services in compliance with all County fiscal and procurement policies. The last Unclaimed Restitution transfer received by the District Attorney's Office from the Probation Department for the provision of victim services was in 2020-21 at \$93,134.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Victims Services is the designated major provider of comprehensive services to victims in accordance with Penal Code section 13835.2. The transfer of Unclaimed Restitution will bring the County into compliance with Government Code section 50050 which requires Unclaimed Restitution to be used by the County for victim services or deposited into the State's Restitution fund.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, LADA is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the District Attorney's Office shall accept the transfer of Unclaimed Restitution from the Probation Department for the next five years and shall hold the funds in an

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account for the provision of victim services. The District Attorney's Office will request Board approval for the transfer every five years.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Gascon", written in a cursive style.

GEORGE GASCON

District Attorney

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel