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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
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Dear Supervisors:

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EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY
TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO OBTAIN EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENTS
FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA) seeks delegated authority from the Board to enter into agreements to obtain expenditure reimbursements, for its participation in a variety of specialized prosecution and/or law enforcement task force programs.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Delegate authority to the District Attorney, or his designee, to enter into agreements with local, State, and Federal agencies to obtain expenditure reimbursements up to \$200,000 per agency, for LADA expenditures, for a five-year period.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The LADA participates in a variety of specialized prosecution and/or law enforcement task force programs. From time to time, the LADA is eligible to receive reimbursement for services it provides in conjunction with these activities. Examples of agencies from which the LADA could potentially receive reimbursement include the: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshal's Office, California Attorney General, and Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT).

As a condition of receiving reimbursement, these agencies often require the LADA to enter into agreements. These agreements are generally routine, but often require immediate approval to obtain the monies. The availability or amount of a reimbursement is generally unknown until the

work is completed.

To streamline the process and to facilitate more efficient collection of all reimbursement monies potentially available to the department, we ask that for a five-year period, effective upon approval of this request, your Board delegate authority to the DA, or his designee, to enter into agreements, once reviewed and approved by County Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

This authorization will enable the LADA to seek and receive revenue for program efforts put forth in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies to combat crime.

Revenue received from these agreements will partially offset the net County cost for LADA's participation in the Specialized Prosecution and/or Task Force Program.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan North Star No.1, Make Investments that Transform Lives: Los Angeles County is a highly responsive organization investing in solutions that address our most complex societal challenges (health, jobs, housing, food insecurity, and recidivism) affecting our most vulnerable communities – one person at a time, and North Star No.2, Foster vibrant and resilient communities: Investments in the lives of County residents are sustainable only when grounded in strong communities. LA County, with the support of a network of public/private partnering, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, philanthropic organizations, and local governments will foster vibrant and resilient communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The agreements authorized by this action will not require appropriation increases as spending authority will have been approved by the Board through the normal budget process for LADA programs. There is no net County cost impact associated with the proposed agreements.

Each agreement will not exceed revenue of \$200,000. This amount is increased by \$50,000 from the prior adopted board letter on December 19, 2019, to incorporate the Cost-of-Living Adjustments for five (5) years, through December 2029. The LADA will immediately notify the Board if an agreement is expected to exceed this amount in any given fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENT

The LADA often participates in specialized prosecution or task force programs for the purpose of integrating resources and investigative efforts to address emerging criminal justice issues in Los Angeles County.

The LADA may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the work performed in conjunction with these programs, but often requires entering into agreements with local, State, and Federal agencies. Board authorization is required to enter into agreements with outside agencies in order

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for the LADA to accept revenue for reimbursement of expenditures. Current delegated authority to LADA expires on December 18, 2024. The LADA is seeking continued delegated authority for next five (5) years. This delegated authority will expedite the process enabling quicker access to funds that offset costs of participating in these crime fighting efforts.

Each agreement entered into under the authority requested in this letter will be reviewed by County Counsel prior to entering into the agreement. While the provisions of each agreement will likely vary depending on the agency paying the reimbursement, these agreements are generally routine.

Should we determine, after consultation with County Counsel, that the provisions of a particular contract are unusual or potentially problematic, we will present that agreement to your Board for specific approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation and has no impact on current services. 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. These programs provide reimbursement which lessens the impact on the County general fund and provides opportunities for the LADA to enhance the fight on crime through cooperative efforts with partner agencies.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two (2) copies of the adopted Board letter to Mr. Anh Vo of the LADA, Grants and Contracts Section at 211 West Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90012-3205. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Anh Vo at (213) 257-2805, or at AVo@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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