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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



March 11, 2025

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:

**AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMEMORATIVE
175TH ANNIVERSARY BADGE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2025, THROUGH MAY 1, 2026
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) is seeking the Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to participate in the Department's Commemorative 175th anniversary badge program (Program). With the approval of the Board, the Department will identify sworn uniformed personnel designated by the Sheriff to participate in this optional and voluntary Program, at their own expense, and allow participating personnel to wear the Department's commemorative 175th anniversary badge for the period of April 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Internal Services Department (ISD), through the Executive Office of the Board, to amend the agreement and issue a temporary license to Entenmann-Rovin, the County's authorized badge vendor, to be the retail distributor of the commemorative 175th anniversary badge using the Department's name and insignias (Attachment A).
2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to allow authorized sworn designated uniformed personnel to participate in the optional and voluntary Program and wear

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the specially designed commemorative 175th anniversary badge from April 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026.

3. Authorize the retention of the commemorative badges at the end of the authorized period as keepsakes so long as they are encased in a block of Lucite, or similar materials, to render the badges unusable for active service.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

To commemorate the 175th anniversary celebration of the Department with the community on this most historical occasion and pay tribute to the many generations of Department team members who have proudly served with honor and bravery, ISD, through the Executive Office of the Board, will amend the agreement and issue a temporary license to Entenmann-Rovin for commemorative 175th anniversary badges.

Participation in the Program is optional and purely voluntary for authorized Department personnel. Authorized personnel shall be deemed active Department sworn uniformed personnel designated by the Sheriff. The commemorative 175th anniversary badges shall be purchased by authorized and participating personnel as described herein. Authorized Department personnel who wish to participate will be able to purchase the commemorative badge through the Department, at their own expense, to wear only from April 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026. At the time of the commemorative 175th anniversary badge purchase, participating Department personnel shall also purchase the Lucite encasement in coordination with the Department, to encase the commemorative 175th anniversary badge at the end authorized period. The purchase of the commemorative 175th anniversary badge and Lucite encasement will be requisitioned through the County's Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

The process would mirror that which is currently in place for existing Department issued badges and honorably retired personnel. Authorized Department personnel will surrender their current badge to the Department's Employee Service Center (ESC) and will wear the commemorative badge from April 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026. At the conclusion of the authorized period, Department personnel shall surrender the commemorative 175th anniversary badge to the ESC to proceed with the commemorative badge's encasement in a block of Lucite to render the badge unusable for active service. At that time, the prior badge shall be reissued.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan's North Star 3: Realize tomorrow's government today; Focus Area Goal G: Internal Controls and Processes: Strengthen our internal controls and process while being cognizant of efficiency to continue good stewardship of the public trust and fiscal responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Department personnel who choose to voluntarily participate in the Program would be required to purchase the commemorative 175th anniversary badge and Lucite encasement at their own expense. There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the County of Los Angeles Code of Ordinance, Sections 5.64.130, 5.64.280 and 5.64.310, the Board may allow the issuance of badges by order of the Executive Officer of the Board, allow a vendor to manufacture an official badge, and allow authorized personnel to wear County badges, including sworn and other designated uniformed personnel from the Department. Additionally, under the County of Los Angeles Code of Ordinance, Section 5.64.095, the Executive Officer of the Board may authorize the retention of old badges as keepsakes so long as it is encased in a block of Lucite, or similar material, to render the badges unusable for active service.

Further, a precedent exists for similar commemorative badges, specifically County of Los Angeles Code of Ordinance, Sections 5.64.135, for the Department's 150th year commemorative badge in 2000 and the more recent Super Bowl LVI commemorative badge in 2021.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through the County's Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Department's Program has no impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

The Department badge is recognized worldwide as a symbol of respect and honor. A recommendation for its replacement, however brief, is not proposed without recognizing this fact. The prestige of the Department's badge is born of the professional growth, history, and legacy of its accomplishments, lessons learned, and improvements made by its membership. A campaign of this nature will enable the Department and its personnel to celebrate this historical centennial celebration of dedicated service to the residents and communities in our care.

Upon Board approval, please return a copy of the adopted Board Letter to the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

Sincerely,



ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF

