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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
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Los Angeles, California 90012

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EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (IBM VIRTUAL TAPE SYSTEM AND ENTERPRISE STORAGE ARRAY EXPANSION) HOSTING COUNTYWIDE APPLICATIONS IN DATA CENTER 1 AND LOCAL RECOVERY CENTER
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This is a request for approval to purchase computer equipment at a cost greater than \$250,000 to meet the technology needs of the County Departments.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County of Los Angeles' (County) Purchasing Agent, to purchase an IBM Virtual Tape System for Data Center 1 (DC1) and Dell PowerMax Storage Expansion for both DC1 and the Local Recovery Center (LRC). This total capital asset expenditure is not to exceed \$1,763,000, including hardware, software and sales tax, to support mission-critical County applications.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This request is for approval to procure one IBM Virtual Tape System (TS7780C) to replace the current (TS7760T) version for DC1. The current system, part of the County's Mainframe maintenance program, has exceeded its five-year life span. Maintenance costs have risen, and IBM has ceased support for the current version. Mainframe applications used by County Departments, including critical systems like County Warrant System, Automated Jail Information System, Adult Probation System, and Trial Courts Information System. The new equipment cost will not exceed \$520,000.

Additionally, approval is requested to procure two Dell PowerMax 8500 Storage Expansions for DC1 and LRC, each with 250TB capacity. Increased storage is needed for Countywide and law enforcement systems. This includes applications such as the Auditor-Controller's eHR and eCAPS systems, CCHRS, and PIX. The expansion will enhance performance and provide savings by consolidating and decommissioning legacy systems, eliminating future extended maintenance costs for the next five years. The total cost will not exceed \$1,243,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action aligns with the County Strategic Plan, North Star 3: Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, to improve infrastructure by implementing technological enhancements. It aims to replace outdated systems, increase efficiency, and leverage new technologies for better visibility and accessibility. Acquiring this computer equipment is essential to meet the IT needs of County departments that serve residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

ISD has budgeted for the total equipment cost in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Budget. There will be no change in the current billing or cost to customer departments. All related costs have been planned, budgeted, and approved. No additional net County cost is required for these acquisitions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, the Board approved new classification categories for capital assets. It also mandated that County departments must obtain Board approval before purchasing ordinance equipment costing \$250,000 or more.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This procurement falls under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent and will be accomplished in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policies and Procedures. This brand specific solicitation will be competitively solicited among authorized IBM and Dell resellers and awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The vendor has withdrawn the current tape system from the market, and the maintenance costs for legacy servers have risen significantly. Replacing the tape system is crucial to support nine County Departments: Sheriff's, Probation, Superior Court, Public Works, District Attorney, Health Services, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Auditor-Controller, and Office of the Assessor. These departments run sixteen critical applications on the Mainframe. Critical systems, such as the County Warrant System (CWS), Automated Jail Information system (AJIS), Adult Probation System (APS), and others, would suffer greatly from data loss due to hardware failure.

The annual maintenance cost for legacy storage systems has risen significantly. Approval of the recommended purchase is essential to ensure performance and continuous access to critical

applications like the Auditor-Controller's eHR system, eCAPS, and law enforcement applications such as CCHRS.

Approval of the recommended purchases will enable ISD to continue providing hosting services for critical applications to County Departments without interruption.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, it is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return one stamped copy of the approved Board Letter to the Director of ISD.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael OWH", followed by a circular stamp or mark.

MICHAEL OWH
Director

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