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May 5, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS
RELATING TO JESUS ANTONIO AVALOS, EDUARDO ROBLES
AND AMANDA NICOLE LOPEZ
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$80,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the amount of \$80,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds to two individuals who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and conviction of Anthony Velasquez who was convicted for the heinous murders of Jesus Antonio Avalos, Eduardo Robles, and Amanda Nicole Lopez. Additionally, Manuel Velasquez who was convicted for the heinous murder of Eduardo Robles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On February 11, 2014, Jesus "Jesse" Avalos was found shot to death in his black SUV at 4833 East Telegraph Road in East Los Angeles. Eduardo "Eddie" Robles was shot after having an argument with two men in the driveway of an apartment complex on July 6, 2015, at 4350 Eagle Street in East Los Angeles. Amanda Nicole Lopez was asleep in a tent near the East LA Civic Center at 220 South Fetterly Avenue in East Los Angeles when she was shot to death on April 22, 2018.

On July 21, 2021, the Board approved an \$80,000 reward in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous murders of Mr. Avalos, Mr. Robles and Ms. Lopez. Additionally, on September 9, 2025, the Board reinstated the reward. Following a press conference held August 21, 2021, detectives interviewed two claimants who provided information leading to the arrest of Anthony Velasquez and Manuel Velasquez.

On September 23, 2020, Anthony Velasquez was apprehended and charged with three counts of murder. Based on the evidence obtained by law enforcement, a jury trial was heard and on August 20, 2025, Anthony Velasquez was convicted of three counts of murder in the first-degree. On August 22, 2025, the suspect was sentenced to 150 years to life in prison.

On September 23, 2020, Manuel Velasquez was apprehended and charged with one count of murder and accessory after the fact. On February 10, 2025, Manuel Velasquez entered a plea agreement and was convicted of murder and accessory after the fact. On December 5, 2025, the suspect was sentenced to 11 years and 8 months in prison.

A panel of individuals representing the Sheriff's Department, Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Executive Office of the Board, reviewed the claims filed for the reward funds. The panel is recommending the \$80,000 reward be distributed equally between the two claimants who provided information to law enforcement. In accordance with the provision of the Los Angeles County Code (County Code), Title 4 – Revenue and Finance, the Board must now consider the claim and make a final determination for the distribution of the reward funds.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the above recommendation supports the County Strategic North Star 2 (Foster vibrant and resilient communities) under C. Public Safety. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County's website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcement, which could lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of individuals who commit crimes and removing such individuals from the community, thereby reducing violence and improving the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board of Supervisors established an \$80,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$16,000 from each Supervisor's budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering cash rewards for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts causing injury to persons or property. Your Board, from time to time, has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with County Code, Title 4 – Revenue and Finance, relating to rewards, specifically Section 4.50.010B, which states, “conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons.”

The Notice of Reward offered was posted on the Board of Supervisors’ website and published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal newspaper.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation does not impact other current County services or projects.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward Yen, Executive Officer

c: Sheriff
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller