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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:

**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS  
RELATING TO THE HEINOUS AMBUSH SHOOTING OF TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF DEPUTIES  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the amount of \$100,000 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 Deonte Lee Murray who was convicted for the heinous ambush shooting of two Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies (Sheriff Deputies).

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Saturday, September 12, 2020, at approximately 6:58 p.m., the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department responded to the Martin Luther King (MLK) Transit Center in the City of Compton after receiving a distress call from two Sheriff Deputies. It was learned that a lone gunman ambushed two Sheriff Deputies while they were sitting in their patrol vehicle at the MLK Transit Center. The suspect approached the vehicle from behind and fired several rounds from his firearm at the Deputies, striking them and critically injuring both Sheriff Deputies.

On September 15, 2020, the Board approved a \$100,000 reward in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous ambush shooting of the two Sheriff Deputies. Subsequent to the offer of the award but after the expiration, two witnesses came forward that provided vital information that subsequently led to the apprehension and conviction of the suspect. On September 10, 2024, the Board reinstated the reward for the purpose of allowing those witnesses to file a claim.

On September 15, 2020, Deonte Lee Murray was apprehended and charged with four counts of attempted murder of a Peace Officer, one count of an Ex-felon in possession of a firearm, one count of carjacking and one count of assault with a deadly weapon. Based on the evidence obtained by law enforcement, a jury trial was heard and on September 28, 2023, Deonte Lee Murray was convicted of three counts of attempted murder of a Peace Officer, one count of carjacking, one count of robbery, one count of assault with a deadly weapon and other firearm enhancements. On November 1, 2023, the suspect was sentenced to 166 years and eight months to life 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 recommends allocating the \$100,000 reward between the two claimants who supplied information to law enforcement, with a 90/10 division reflecting the respective impact of their testimony on the case. 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 a \$100,000 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 \$20,000 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Yen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward Yen  
Executive Officer

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Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller