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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#8 April 3, 2012

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Dear Supervisors:

### **RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO THE MURDER OF DAVID MARCIAL, LARRY MARCIAL, AND LUIS CERVANTES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$30,000 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 total amount of \$30,000, to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds, to be divided equally among the ten individuals in the amount of \$3,000 each, who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and conviction of the persons responsible for the murder of 10-year-old David Marcial, 22-year-old Larry Marcial, and 17-year-old Luis Cervantes.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On June 30, 2006, 10-year-old David Marcial, 22-year-old Larry Marcial and 17-year-old Luis Cervantes were shot and killed in front of their home near Central Avenue and 49th Street, in the City of Los Angeles. On July 5, 2006, on motion of former Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, the Board offered a \$30,000 reward in order to assist the Los Angeles Police Department in obtaining information relative to this case. On December 20, 2011, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Board re-established the \$30,000 reward. During the investigation, law enforcement officials were provided with information from various witnesses. Ten witnesses filed a claim for the reward with the Board of Supervisors, Executive Office on January 31, 2012. As a result of the information provided by the witnesses, four persons were arrested: Ryan Moore and Lawrence Island on April

19, 2011, Charles Smith on April 23, 2007, and Alicia Merceron on September 17, 2006 (Defendants):

Lawrence Island was exonerated after the preliminary hearing.

Ryan Moore was charged on four counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit murder. On April 12, 2011, Mr. Moore was convicted of the charges and sentenced to death.

Charles Smith was charged with four counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit murder. On May 17, 2010, Mr. Smith was convicted of the charges and sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole.

Alicia Merceron was charged with voluntary manslaughter. In exchange for testimony against Ryan Moore and Charles Smith, Ms. Merceron was convicted of the charge. On July 12, 2011, Ms. Merceron was sentenced to seven years in prison.

On March 1, 2012, a panel of individuals representing the Sheriff, Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and the Executive Officer of the Board reviewed the claim filed for the reward fund. The panel is recommending the reward be paid equally among the ten individuals who provided information to law enforcement.

In accordance with the provision of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance, your Board must now consider the claim and make a final determination for distribution of the reward funds.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommendation supports the County Strategic Goal of Service Excellence. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcement which could lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of the individuals who commit crimes, thereby improving the quality of life to residents of Los Angeles County by removing such individuals from the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Board of Supervisors established a \$30,000 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 \$6,000 from each Supervisors' budget. The ten witnesses will receive \$3,000 each.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering case rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts. 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 the County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance relating to rewards; and 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

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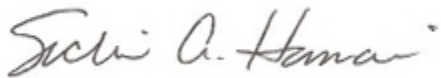
Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons.”

The Notice of Reward Offered was posted on the Board of Supervisors’ website and published in the Los Angeles Bulletin. In addition, copies were provided to the Los Angeles Police Department.

**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 cursive script that reads "Sachi A. Hamai".

SACHI A. HAMAI

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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County Counsel