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May 29, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO COMPLY WITH  
OVER DETENTION CLASS SETTLEMENT COURT ORDER  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This letter is a joint recommendation by the Sheriff and the Los Angeles County (County) Counsel. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) and County Counsel are seeking your Board's approval for an Appropriation Adjustment from the Over Detention Class Settlement account to the Department's Custody Operations budget in the amount of \$3,578,000. The budget adjustment will enable the Department to finalize the settlement order in the case of Munique Williams, et al., vs. County, to use the remaining balance of the class funds toward eliminating issues related to over detentions, strip/body cavity searches, wrong person warrants, and to fund existing Department inmate programs.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$3,578,000 from the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 General Support Services Budget Unit-Other Charges appropriation to the Custody Budget Unit-Capital Assets-Equipment appropriation.
2. Approve and authorize the Sheriff to utilize the funding to purchase an estimated 17 strip/body cavity scanners for installation at the Department's Inmate Reception Center (IRC) and various custody facilities.
3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to use any remaining class funds following the purchase of the strip/body cavity scanners toward programs or projects deemed by County Counsel to be in compliance with the Court Order.

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

Board approval will authorize the Sheriff to finalize the United States District Court Settlement Order in the case of Munique Williams, et al., vs. County, to use a portion of the class funds for existing Department inmate programs to help eliminate issues related to over detentions, strip/body cavity searches, and wrong person warrants.

In complying with the Court Order, the funds will be used to purchase an estimated 17 strip/body cavity scanners for the Inmate Security Screening System (ISSS). ISSS is part of a comprehensive development strategy to provide a more efficient and effective means for jail staff to manage the smuggling of contraband into custody facilities; to detect inmates moving contraband within the facilities; and to detect contraband being moved out of IRC by inmates being transported to various court appearances and appointments. ISSS will benefit the inmate population because it will increase the efficiency and privacy related to the strip search process. ISSS will also assist in mitigating litigation arising out of the strip searching of inmates and improve the screening of pre-arraigned inmates entering IRC.

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

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, by deploying advanced technology to strengthen safety measures in the custody operation, thereby enhancing risk management to the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of an Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$3,578,000 from the Department's FY 2011-12 General Support Services Budget Unit-Other Charges to its Custody Budget Unit-Capital Assets-Equipment appropriation will initially fund the purchase of the strip/body cavity scanners. Funds from the Over Detention Class Settlement account will be used to reimburse the Department.

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

The Over Detention Class Settlement account of \$21.5 million was established pursuant to Munique Williams, et al., vs. the County. The Court ordered that these funds be first distributed to class members to pay any claims filed timely. The Class Administrator would fulfill this task. The remaining portion of funds from this account shall then be distributed to the Department for the purpose of funding Department inmate programs.

County Counsel has verified that the Class Administrator has fulfilled its task, thereby enabling the distribution of the remaining funds to the Department.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will have a positive impact on services provided to the inmate population and the Department, specifically Custody Division.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Board, please return two adopted copies of this Board letter to the Department's Fiscal Administration Unit.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA  
Sheriff



JOHN F. KRATTLI  
Acting County Counsel

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Enclosures

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF

DEPT'S. NO. 770

April 17, 2012

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 11-12

3 - VOTES

SOURCES

Sheriff's Department - General Support Budget Unit	
A01-SH-5500-15681-15687	
Other Charges	\$3,578,000
Decrease Appropriation	

USES

Sheriff's Department - Custody Budget Unit	
A01-SH-6030-15681-15685	
Capital Assets-Equipments	\$3,578,000
Increase Appropriation	

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 3,578,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 3,578,000

JUSTIFICATION

Appropriation Adjustment to initialize purchase of strip/body cavity scanners for the Inmate Reception Center and various custody facilities. The costs incurred will be reimbursed, per court order, from the Over Detention Class Settlement account established via Munique Williams et al. vs COLA.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Conrad Meredith, Director, Financial Programs

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR --

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY Karin Shikama

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY Shel Hill

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