

AGENDA _____ February 9, 2016

February 4, 2016

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Room 536
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE
CODE SECTION 9250.14 INCREASING THE COLLECTION OF
VEHICLE LICENSE FEES**

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution directing the California Department of Motor Vehicles to collect the vehicle license fee increase authorized by AB 767, (additional \$1 per vehicle licensed in the county) to be effective six months from submission of the authorizing resolution.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On December 3, 1991, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed resolution R-91-987, requesting that the California Department of Motor Vehicles implement Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code and commence collection of a vehicle license fee of one dollar (\$1) for every vehicle registered to an address within Alameda County, except those expressly exempted from such fees. Collection of these vehicle license fees has continued, uninterrupted since that time. Use of these fees is restricted to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. In Alameda County, this funding currently supports the operations of the Alameda County Regional Auto Theft Task Force ("ACRATT"), for which the District Attorney serves as fiscal agent.

Effective January 1, 2014, AB 767 amended Vehicle Code section 9250.14. AB 767 authorized every county to increase its vehicle license fees from \$1 to \$2 per vehicle upon adoption of a resolution by its board of supervisors and submission of the resolution to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The funds are continuously appropriated to fund

local programs with the same restricted use: to enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. AB 767 also eliminated the original January 1, 2018 repeal (sunset) date for this legislation and makes the provisions operative indefinitely.

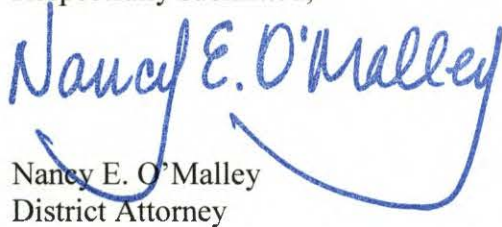
The District Attorney is requesting a resolution directing the Department of Motor Vehicles to increase its collection of the current vehicle license fee for Alameda County from one dollar (\$1) to two dollars (\$2) as authorized by the amended Vehicle Code section 9250.14 and AB 767.

A copy of the approved resolution must be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The operative date of the fee increase will be six months after the Department's receipt of the resolution.

FINANCING:

This request will not impact the net County cost in FY 2015-16 or in future years.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy E. O'Malley
District Attorney

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO: 2016-45

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
ELECTING TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER VEHICLE CODE SECTION 9250.14**

WHEREAS, on December 3, 1991, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. R-91-987 pursuant to Vehicle Code Section (VC §) 9250.14, authorizing a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle registered to an address within the County except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2012, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1404 amending VC § 9250.14 authorizing an increase of the one dollar (\$1.00) fee to two dollars (\$2.00) for the counties of Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino, with a sunset clause of January 1, 2018 that was subsequently amended by Assembly Bill 767, approved by the Governor on September 6, 2013, authorizing the fee increase to apply to all participating counties and eliminating the sunset clause; and

WHEREAS, a resolution to increase the service fees shall be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles at least six months prior to the operative date of the fee increase; and

WHEREAS, funds allocated to a county under VC § 9250.14 shall be expended to fund programs which enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes and shall not be used to offset a reduction in any other funding source, nor for any other purpose not authorized under this section; and

WHEREAS, current revenues generated by this funding source are insufficient to effectively combat vehicle theft crime given there are over 12,000 vehicle thefts reported annually with an estimated loss to the County's residents of over \$64 million; and

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda desires to receive the additional funding authorized under VC § 9250.14 to be expended for the purposes set forth within said section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, does hereby find and determine that a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of renewal of registration of every vehicle registered to an address within the County except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees.

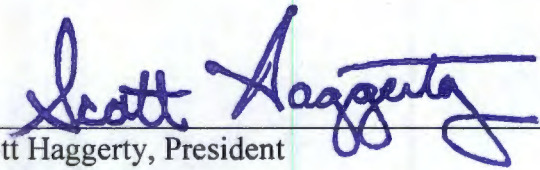
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds allocated to the County of Alameda under VC § 9250.14 shall be expended exclusively to fund programs which enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes and will not be used to offset a reduction in any other funding source, nor for any other purpose not authorized by this section.

THE FOREGOING WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED by a majority of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of February to wit:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Carson, Chan, Miley, Valle & President Haggerty

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS: None

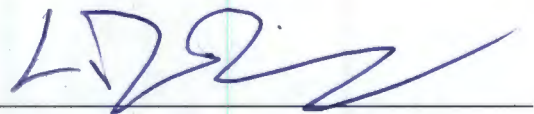


Scott Haggerty, President
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Donna Ziegler, County Counsel

By: RBailey, Deputy

By: 
Deputy Co. Counsel



JIM McDONNELL, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



A Tradition of Service

May 05, 2015

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

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES TO FUND
LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S TASKFORCE FOR
REGIONAL AUTOTHEFT PREVENTION
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) requests that the Board adopt the attached Resolution authorizing an increase in vehicle registration fees pursuant to Assembly Bill 1404, to allow for an increase in funding for the County's Taskforce For Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing an increase in the vehicle registration fees paid at the time of registration or renewal of a vehicle registered to an address within the County from one dollar to two dollars, and from two dollars to four dollars on commercial vehicles, as authorized by Assembly Bill 1404, which amended California Vehicle Code (C.V.C.) Section 9250.14.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On July 28, 1992, the Board adopted a resolution to impose a one dollar vehicle registration fee on vehicles, as authorized by Senate Bill 2139, codified in C.V.C. Section 9250.14. On September 29, 2000, the Legislature authorized the collection of an additional two dollar registration fee on commercial vehicles, effective January 1, 2001. These funds are used for the deterrence, investigation, and prosecution of vehicle theft in the County. Assembly Bill 1404 amended C.V.C. Section 9250.14, effective January 1, 2013, to authorize the Board, by Resolution, to increase the vehicle registration fees from one dollar to two dollars on vehicles, and from two dollars to four dollars on commercial vehicles.

The purpose of the increased funding is to raise the level of effectiveness TRAP has against the crime of auto theft. TRAP has been the County's vehicle theft program since 1993. TRAP was established under the direction of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) with the Sheriff designated as the regional coordinator. In 1993, TRAP consisted of more than 50 investigators from law enforcement agencies throughout the County. TRAP's budget, derived from the vehicle registration fees, funds Salaries and Employee Benefits, and other costs associated with TRAP.

During the last 21 years, TRAP has been reduced in size to stay within its operating budget. The number of registered vehicles in the County has risen slightly over time, and the rising personnel costs caused by simple inflation have far outpaced the growth of TRAP's budget. With the increased funding, TRAP will be able to assign more investigators and prosecutors to the taskforce, thereby having greater effectiveness in combating vehicle theft.

As of November 2014, six counties in California have approved similar resolutions and are now receiving increased vehicle registration fees. The counties include Sacramento, Marin, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, San Mateo, and Solano.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request conforms to the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, by maximizing opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes, and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no fiscal impact to the County's budget. The additional revenue generated from the vehicle registration fees will increase the effectiveness of TRAP. If approved, the additional revenues for TRAP will be approximately \$7.4 million annually and will be used to fund Salaries and Employee Benefits, and other costs associated with TRAP.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Legislature found this legislation necessary due to the operating revenue deficits that counties are facing in their vehicle theft programs.

Vehicle registration fees are collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and paid quarterly to the State Controller for disbursement to the County. Vehicle registration fees collected and allocated to the County shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. The revenue collected shall not be expended to offset a reduction in any other source of funds, nor for any purpose not authorized under C.V.C. Section 9250.14.

The attached Resolution authorizes the increase in the vehicle registration fees and requests the DMV commence collection of the increased vehicle registration fees as soon as reasonably practicable. Pursuant to C.V.C. Section 9250.14, the Resolution shall be submitted to the DMV at least six months prior to the operative date of the fee increase.

The attached Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Proposition 26

Proposition 26 defines "tax" as a "levy, charge, or exaction of any kinds" paid by taxpayers subject to certain conditions. Local governments must show that a charge is reasonable and falls under a permissible exception. Such exceptions include, but are not limited to, charges imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs to a local government for performing investigations and the related administrative enforcement thereof. The vehicle registration fees allocated to the TRAP program qualifies as a regulatory fee for the deterrence, investigation, and prosecution of vehicle theft crimes. The increased fees do not exceed the reasonable costs to the County for TRAP.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will allow for TRAP to increase its effectiveness in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting vehicle theft. No other County departments are impacted by this request.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return a certified copy of the adopted Board letter and two original signed Resolutions to the Department's Administrative and Training Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonnell". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "McDonnell".

JIM McDONNELL

Sheriff

JM:RJS:jde

Enclosures

**RESOLUTION
OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO INCREASE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES
TO FUND VEHICLE THEFT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1992, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution imposing a one dollar (\$1) vehicle registration fee, as authorized by Senate Bill 2139, codified at California Vehicle Code section 9250.14, to fund vehicle theft programs in the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Los Angeles County is the regional coordinator for the deterrence, investigation, and prosecution of vehicle theft in the County, and the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) has been the County vehicle theft program since 1992; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2000, the Legislature enacted the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, which amended California Vehicle Code section 9250.14, effective January 1, 2001, to impose the collection of an additional two dollar (\$2) vehicle registration fee on commercial vehicles subject to California Vehicle Code section 9400.1; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1404, chaptered September 29, 2012, amended California Vehicle Code section 9250.14, effective January 1, 2013, authorizing the Board of Supervisors to increase the vehicle registration fees, which are payable at the time of registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle registered to an address within the County, due to the operating revenue deficits facing the County vehicle theft program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the increase in vehicle registration fees from one dollar (\$1) to two dollars (\$2) on vehicles and from two dollars (\$2) to four dollars (\$4) on commercial vehicles, as authorized by California Vehicle Code section 9250.14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors formally requests that the California Department of Motor Vehicles implement and commence collection of the increased vehicle registration fees authorized hereunder, as soon as reasonably practicable, in accordance with California Vehicle Code section 9250.14.

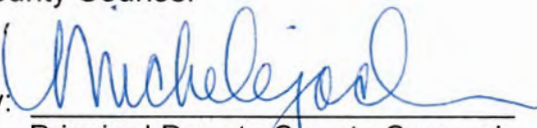
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OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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TO FUND VEHICLE THEFT PROGRAM**

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2015, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MARK J. SALADINO
County Counsel

By: 
Principal Deputy County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-127

RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR INCREASING THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION ASSESSMENT FOR ENHANCED EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE CRIMES INVOLVING VEHICLE THEFT, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS, OR VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER.

WHEREAS, Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code previously authorized Napa County to collect one dollar (\$1.00) for every motor vehicle, and two dollars (\$2.00) for every commercial vehicle, registered to an address within Napa County and for registration renewals, except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees, upon adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2001, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 01-57, which authorized the collection of fees authorized by California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14;

WHEREAS, in 2013, AB 767 revised Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code to authorize counties that previously adopted a resolution imposing said fees to, upon adoption of another resolution by its board of supervisors, increase the previous one dollar (\$1.00) motor vehicle fee to two dollars (\$2.00), and increase the two dollar (\$2.00) commercial vehicle fee to four dollars (\$4.00), and that such fees would be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle registered to an address within that county, except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees;

WHEREAS, revenues generated from said collection are to be expended for programs which enhance the capacity of Napa County prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes, or crimes involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or vehicular manslaughter;

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office currently devotes a considerable amount of time to investigating and prosecuting the above-referenced crimes, which represents a cost to the County general fund;

WHEREAS, the average annual revenues from the fees set at the current amounts are significantly lower than the projected costs that the District Attorney's Office expects to incur for the investigation and prosecution of vehicular crimes;

WHEREAS, Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code requires counties to submit a resolution increasing the above-referenced fees to the Department of Motor Vehicles at least six months prior to the operative date of the fee increase;

WHEREAS, at least ten days prior to the date this resolution is to be considered, data was made available to the public indicating the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service, including general fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, at least fourteen days prior to the date this resolution is to be considered, notice was mailed to those persons who had requested same.

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing of the proposed fee increase was published twice in the manner set forth in Section 6062a of the Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Napa County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to law:

1. Request is hereby made to the California Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the provisions of Section 9250.14 and commence collection of two dollars (\$2.00) for motor vehicles and four dollars (\$4.00) for commercial vehicles to be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle registered to an address within Napa County, except for those vehicles expressly exempted from payment of registration fees;
2. The Board finds this Resolution is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15273(a)(1) and (2);
3. The increase of fees authorized by this Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Napa County, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 13th day of September, 2016, by the following vote:

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| AYES: | SUPERVISORS | CALDWELL, WAGENKNECHT, DILLON, LUCE and PEDROZA |
| NOES: | SUPERVISORS | NONE |
| ABSENT: | SUPERVISORS | NONE |

NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California

By: _____
ALFREDO PEDROZA, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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| <p>APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel</p> <p>By: <u>Tivonna Stern</u> Deputy</p> <p>Date: <u>September 2, 2016</u></p> | <p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Date: September 13, 2016</p> <p>Processed By: _____ Deputy Clerk of the Board</p> | <p>ATTEST: GLADYS I. COIL Clerk of the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>By: _____</p> |
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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
3.20
(ID # 8036)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA:

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Adopt Resolution No. 2018-201, as Required by the State, to Implement an Increase in the Current Registration Assessment on Motor Vehicles Registered in Riverside County; All Districts; No County Cost [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-201 implementing an increase in vehicle registration fees from one dollar (\$1.00) to two dollars (\$2.00) for all motor vehicles registered in Riverside County, with the funds allocated to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crime as authorized by California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14.

ACTION: Policy

Ginika Ezinwa
Ginika Ezinwa, Deputy Director, Administration

10/23/2018

Will Taylor
Will Taylor, Director of Administration

10/23/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: | | | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: | FY18-19 |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR# 19-027

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On May 14, 1991, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 91-265 to collect a one-dollar fee added to all vehicle registrations in the County and a two-dollar fee added to all commercial vehicles weighing 10,001 lbs. or more, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14. Per Section 9250.14, the fees collected were earmarked for programs designed to enhance the deterrence, investigation and prosecution of vehicle theft crimes. Based on the recommendation of the Riverside County Law Enforcement Administrators Association (RCLEAA), these funds were directed in equal amounts to the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney. The Sheriff's Department created Trust Fund 5097 (now sub-fund 321147) to account for its share. In August 9 1993, the Sheriff's Department received Board approval (3.58) to use the trust funds to create the Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID), a multi-jurisdictional vehicle theft task force. Per its most recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), RAID interfaces with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the Department of Insurance, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and all agencies in Riverside County for the sharing of information related to vehicle theft.

The RAID MOU specifies that the Sheriff, or his designee, shall serve as Director and Chairperson of the Task Force Executive Committee. A full-time CHP Lieutenant is specified as the Task Force Coordinator. The Sheriff's Department contributes a Sergeant, who serves as the Task Force Supervisor. The Task Force has Investigators from the following agencies: Riverside County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Department of Insurance, National Insurance Crime Bureau, District Attorney's Office, Murrieta Police Department, Riverside Police Department and Cathedral City Police Department. Currently, the Sheriff's Department and the Murrieta, Riverside and Cathedral City Police Departments sworn personnel costs of salaries and benefits are reimbursed from the sub-fund at 70%.

In February of 2009, Assembly Bill 286 was approved by the Legislature, which amended California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 to ensure continued funding for RAID until January 1, 2018. On September 6, 2013, Governor Brown approved Assembly Bill 767, which amended Vehicle Code Section 9250.14. The amended Vehicle Code Section authorizes every county,

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upon adoption of a resolution by its County Board of Supervisors, to increase its motor vehicle registration fee from one dollar to two dollars. Additionally, it authorizes every county to increase its commercial motor vehicle registration fee from two dollars to four dollars. The passage of AB 767 removed the January 1, 2018, date of repeal, thereby, making these provisions operative indefinitely. The operative date of the fee changes must be at least six months after the date of submission of the resolution to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The source of revenue and the distribution of funds to both RAID and the District Attorney's Office has not changed over the 25-year history of the Task Force. The number of registered vehicles in the County has risen slightly over time, however, rising personnel costs caused by salary and benefit increases have far outpaced the growth of RAID's budget. The current revenue received through vehicle registration fees is not adequate to meet the workload generated by the criminal activity of vehicle theft suspects. Additionally, due to budgetary constraints affecting municipalities throughout the County, participation in RAID by allied law enforcement agencies has slightly decreased in recent years. In an effort to stay within its operational budget, RAID has reduced overtime hours allotted to its investigators, and has decreased salary and benefits reimbursement rates to the parent agencies of RAID investigators. Further reductions, if necessary, will likely result in the loss of additional personnel currently assigned to RAID.

Recently, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties have approved similar resolutions and are now receiving increased vehicle registration fees and have increased the size of their vehicle theft task forces. As of July 2018, a total of twelve (12) counties have approved resolutions to receive additional vehicle registration fees used to combat vehicle theft. The counties include: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Sacramento, Marin, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, San Mateo, Solano, Kings, Alameda, Napa, and Santa Clara.

Due to the rising number of vehicle thefts occurring throughout Riverside County, numerous city councils, Chiefs of Police, and Law Enforcement Executive Associations have provided written support in favor of the additional one-dollar fee as outlined in AB 767 for the RAID Task Force. Additionally, several regional auto insurance companies have provided written support for an expansion of the RAID Task Force.

The additional revenue generated from vehicle registration fees will increase the effectiveness of RAID and would allow for an expansion of Task Force personnel.

One additional sergeant position and four additional investigator positions would be added to the Task Force. Each added position, along with current positions from the Sheriff's Department, and Murrieta, Riverside and Cathedral City Police Departments, would be reimbursed from the sub-fund at 80%. The purchase of additional equipment would also be necessary to support the additional positions.

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Additional personnel assigned to the RAID Task Force would foreseeably result in an increase in apprehension rates of vehicle theft suspects, an increase in successful recoveries of stolen vehicles, and conceivably a reduction to insurance premiums currently paid by County residents. Task Force members would also provide training to allied law enforcement agencies and much needed vehicle theft awareness and preventative measure education to the residents of Riverside County, in an effort to further reduce the incidence of vehicle theft.

Previously, neither the Sheriff nor the District Attorney has requested that the Board resolve to impose an increase in vehicle registration fees as outlined in AB 767. However, pursuant to AB 767, both the Sheriff and the District Attorney recommends the imposition of the one-dollar increase of registration fees to address the rising rate of vehicle theft throughout Riverside County.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Since 1993, the RAID Task Force has provided an essential crime fighting service to the county residents and businesses. As stated in the RAID MOU: “Vehicle theft continues to be widespread throughout the county and requires our continuing efforts to curtail this criminal activity. It is recognized that the continued existence of the RAID Task Force is a valuable resource to county law enforcement agencies in their collective efforts to deter vehicle theft activity, increase the apprehension and identification of the professional vehicle thief, increase the recovery of stolen vehicles, and educate the citizens of Riverside County in vehicle theft prevention.”

If approved, the additional revenue generated will be approximately \$2 million, with funds being divided equally between the Sheriff’s Department and the District Attorney’s Office used to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. There will be no fiscal impact to the County’s budget. At the time of vehicle registration, vehicles registered in Riverside County will be assessed an additional \$1.00 fee.

Additional Information

Current Vehicle Theft Trends

In 2017, 175,351 vehicles were stolen statewide. The estimated total value of the vehicles is approximately \$1.3 billion. In 2017, Riverside County experienced 10,414 vehicle thefts. One vehicle is stolen every 50 minutes in Riverside County.

| Riverside County Vehicle Thefts | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Total # of Vehicles Stolen | 10,070 | 9,521 | 11,265 | 11,920 | 10,414 |

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| # of Vehicles Stolen Daily | 27.59 | 26.08 | 30.86 | 32.65 | 28.53 |
| # of Vehicles Stolen Hourly | 1.15 | 1.09 | 1.3 | 1.36 | 1.18 |
| One Vehicle Stolen Every | 52 minutes | 55minutes | 47 minutes | 44 minutes | 50 minutes |

In 2016, the metropolitan statistical area of Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario ranked #5 nationally in the number of vehicle thefts per 100,000 residents, up from the #9 position in 2015.

| 2016 National Ranking | | Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 residents |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Albuquerque, N.M. | (10,011) 1,114 |
| 2. | Pueblo, Colo. | (1,325) 899.43 |
| 3. | Bakersfield, Calif. | (7,176) 854.66 |
| 4. | Modesto, Calif. | (3,820) 767.69 |
| 5. | Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif. | (25,708) 679.05 |
| 6. | Anchorage, Alaska | (2,273) 669.38 |
| 7. | Merced, Calif. | (1,605) 660.65 |
| 8. | San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif. | (29,414) 640.26 |
| 9. | Fresno, Calif. | (5,682) 631.79 |
| 10. | Billings, Mont. | (877) 625.38 |

Source: National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Success of the RAID Task Force

The RAID Task Force maintains an outstanding reputation for excellent service and for the quality of its investigative work. Since its inception in 1993, the RAID Task Force has been the recipient of numerous vehicle theft awards. Most recently in October 2017, the RAID Task Force was awarded the prestigious “**Gary Gray Award**” for *Excellence In Vehicle Theft Investigations.*” The RAID Task Force continues its availability as a resource to all communities within Riverside County, by providing the highest level of service to local law enforcement agencies, in an effort to further reduce the incidence of vehicle theft countywide.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 2018-201
- 31 Letters in Support



Ryan Carter, Principal Management Analyst

10/24/2018



Gregory H. Priarios, Director County Counsel

10/16/2018



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Sheriff's Office



Date: July 2, 2014
Board Meeting Date: September 9, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: Vehicle Registration Fee Increase

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an increase in the vehicle registration fee by one dollar (\$1) for each vehicle registered within the County of San Mateo for the exclusive purpose of enhancing local law enforcement's capacity to deter and investigate vehicle theft crimes.

BACKGROUND:

On February 15, 1994, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution 58024 authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles for the State of California to impose a one dollar vehicle registration fee on all vehicles registered in San Mateo County under the provisions of SB 2139 (Vehicle Code Section 9250.14). The vehicle registration fee of one dollar, per vehicle registered in San Mateo County, has been used to fund the San Mateo County Vehicle Theft Task Force (VTTF) for the past twenty years.

The level of funding provided by the current DMV surcharge fee has failed to match the level of inflation and the increasing rate of operational costs for the VTTF. When the 1994 Resolution was adopted, the amount of revenue generated from the one dollar fee was able to fully fund the various staff costs associated with the auto theft initiatives. However, the revenue generated by the vehicle registration fee has remained largely flat for the past 20 years, while personnel costs have increased as has the demand for the regulatory activities undertaken by the VTTF.

In addition to the cost of providing staff to the County's Vehicle Theft Task Force, the Sheriff's Office also incurs the expense of supplying necessary services and supplies to that Unit, such as undercover vehicles, bait cars, and miscellaneous office equipment. For FY 2012-13, the revenue from the DMV surcharge was \$693,063 and for FY 2013-14, the revenue was \$703,791.

DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill 767, which was enacted in September 2013, authorizes each California county, upon adoption of a resolution by its elected Board of Supervisors, to increase the amount collected in support of its auto theft prevention and investigation efforts by one dollar, to a new total of two dollars per vehicle registered within that county.

Adoption of this Resolution will effectively double the amount of money being allocated to San Mateo County and allow the San Mateo County Vehicle Theft Task Force to continue with this valuable program, both now, and into the foreseeable future.

For fiscal years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014, the revenue from the DMV \$1 surcharge was \$677,918. Upon approval from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to increase the vehicle registration fee to \$2.00, the estimate revenue would increase to \$1,433,360 (approximate and based on the number of vehicles registered in San Mateo County).

Vehicle Code Section 9250.14 mandates that all revenue raised “be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.” The Sheriff’s Office has complied with this mandate and will continue to comply with the mandate if the fee is increased, by expending the \$1,433,360 on regulatory/investigatory activities related to vehicle theft prevention. The Sheriff’s Office anticipates that the VTTF budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget will be approximately \$1,400,000.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by giving to the County, the quality of life necessary for prosperity and the ability to work in partnerships, to take a greater responsibility for the future quality of life.

Performance Measures:

| Measure | FY 2013-14 Actual | FY 2014-15 Projected |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Number of recovered stolen vehicles | 144 | 200 |
| Value of vehicles recovered | \$1,539,009 | \$2 million |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The increase in the vehicle registration fee from one dollar to two dollars will support Countywide vehicle theft prevention and investigations. There is no Net County Cost.



County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda Item Number: 8
(This Section for use by Clerk of the Board Only.)

To: County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: January 7, 2014

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): District Attorney's Office

Staff Name and Phone Number:

Cindy Williams, x2818

Supervisorial District(s):

1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Title: Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force Vehicle License Registration Fee Increase and New Commercial Vehicle License Fee

Recommended Actions:

Resolution approving the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles registration fee increase from \$1 to \$2 and approving a \$4 fee on all commercial vehicle registrations in Sonoma County per Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code to recover the reasonable cost of providing vehicle theft prevention and prosecution services.

Executive Summary:

On June 23, 1992, the Board of Supervisors approved the collection of a \$1.00 fee from the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) per Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code. This \$1.00 fee has provided funding since July 1998 for the Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force (Auto Theft Task Force) to address vehicle theft-related crimes in Sonoma County through a collaborative effort between the District Attorney's office, the California Highway Patrol, the Santa Rosa Police Department, and the Petaluma Police Department.

Since 2010, Sonoma County has experienced an increasing trend of vehicle theft. Statistics from the CHP Vehicle Theft information show the following rates:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2010 | 615 | - |
| 2011 | 632 | 2.76% |
| 2012 | 669 | 5.85% |

As you can see from the table below, the current FY 13/14 allocated budget for the Auto Theft Task Force Program does not currently cover the total actual program costs. The vehicle registration license fee cost increase is necessary to come closer to recovering the actual program costs:

| | FY 13/14 Allocated Budget | Actual Program Costs | (Deficit)/ Surplus |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Staff: | | | |
| 1.0 DDA | \$ 100,000 | \$ 197,555 | (\$97,555) |
| 1.0 Support Staff | \$ 95,177 | \$ 95,177 | \$0 |
| 1.0 SRPD | \$ 50,000 | \$ 176,887 | (\$126,887) |
| 0.50 SRPD | \$ 37,500 | \$ 94,719 | (\$57,219) |
| 1.0 Petaluma PD | \$ 50,000 | \$ 145,050 | (\$95,050) |
| 3.0 CHP Staff (1 SGT 2 Detectives) | \$ - | \$ 496,506 | (\$496,506) |
| Staff Total: | \$ 332,677 | \$ 1,205,894 | (\$873,217) |
| | | | |
| Total Operation Costs | \$ 111,926 | \$ 111,926 | \$0 |
| | | | |
| Total Program Costs | \$ 444,603 | \$ 1,317,820 | (\$873,217) |

The Auto Theft Task Force is governed by a Task Force Council, consisting of the District Attorney, the Sheriff, the Santa Rosa Police Chief, the Petaluma Police Chief, and the Chief of the Golden Gate Division of the California Highway Patrol. The CHP is the lead law enforcement agency, with the District Attorney's Office assuming the responsibility for coordinating and managing the Task Force budget and purchases.

The adopted budget for the Auto Theft Task Force project is \$445,000 for FY 2013-2014. The FY 2013-2014 MOU provides \$100,000 towards the salary and benefits of a staff Deputy District Attorney (approximately 50% of an FTE) and \$95,000 towards the salary and benefits of a staff Secretary (approximately 100% of an FTE), both allocated to the Office of the District Attorney. District Attorney personnel costs in excess of the MOU limits are covered by General Fund dollars. The MOU also provides \$50,000 and \$37,500 to the Santa Rosa Police Department towards the salaries and benefits of a detective and field technician, respectively, and \$50,000 to the Petaluma Police Department towards personnel costs of a detective. Operating expenses are budgeted at \$112,500 for the current fiscal year. The current budget does not include salary and benefit expenses associated with CHP staff. The current fee does not provide sufficient resources to adequately address the growing vehicle theft problem affecting Sonoma County residents.

On September 6, 2013, Governor Brown approved AB 767 which amended Section 9250.14 and states, "This bill would authorize every county to increase its motor vehicle fee from \$1 to \$2, and its commercial vehicle service fee from \$2 to \$4, upon adoption of the resolution by its board of supervisors, and submission of the resolution to the department..." The resolution must be submitted to DMV six (6) months prior to the operative date of the fee increase.

The Auto Theft Task Force is requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the fee increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and approve a new fee for commercial vehicle registration of \$4.00 to recover the reasonable cost of providing vehicle theft prevention and prosecution services to the registered vehicle owners. The

commercial vehicle fee has not previously been collected by the County; however, due to the increased incidence of commercial vehicle theft, the District Attorney's Office is requesting the approval of the new fee allowance as authorized by the new legislation.

With the additional revenue from these fees, the task force will enhance the program and will allocate funding for additional staff resources, overtime costs, and needed equipment. A new Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared and presented to the Board in the Spring of 2014 and budget appropriations will be requested in the FY 14/15 budget.

Prior Board Actions:

- 12/07/2010: Authorized the District Attorney to execute an MOU between the DA's Office, California Highway Patrol, Petaluma Police Dept., and Santa Rosa Dept. for a term of four years through Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
- Annual items authorizing the District Attorney's Office to execute Memoranda of Understanding for Sonoma Auto Theft Task Force from 1998-2009.
- 06/23/1992 BOS Resolution No. 92-1040: In accordance with State of California Department of Motor Vehicles Section 9250.14 of the California Vehicle Code, approving the collection of a \$1.00 fee on each paid vehicle registration in Sonoma County.

Strategic Plan Alignment Goal 1: Safe, Healthy, and Caring Community

Funds from the vehicle registration fee and commercial vehicle registration fee will be utilized to support the Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force to reduce the incidence of vehicle theft-related crimes in Sonoma County.

Fiscal Summary - FY 13-14

| Expenditures | | Funding Source(s) | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Budgeted Amount | \$ 0 | County General Fund | \$ 0 |
| Add Appropriations Req'd. | \$ 0 | State/Federal | \$ 0 |
| | \$ 0 | Fees/Other | \$ 0 |
| | \$ 0 | Use of Fund Balance | \$ 0 |
| | \$ 0 | Contingencies | \$ 0 |
| | \$ 0 | | \$ 0 |
| Total Expenditure | \$ 0 | Total Sources | \$ 0 |

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):

The fee increase will not go into effect until 7/7/2014. The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires a Board Resolution be submitted six months prior to the fee increase implementation. The most recent DMV report estimates that there were 311,845 automobiles and 49,642 trucks registered in Sonoma County in calendar year 2012. Additionally, in 2012, approximately 8% of registered vehicles statewide were identified under Commercial Vehicle Registration Act designation. Based on these statistics, DA's Office forecasts that the Auto Theft Task Force budget will be \$732,000 in FY 14/15; funds will be appropriated in the FY 14/15 budget.

| Staffing Impacts | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Position Title (Payroll Classification) | Monthly Salary Range (A – I Step) | Additions (Number) | Deletions (Number) |
| N/A | | | |
| | | | |
| Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required): | | | |
| Not applicable at this time; staffing impacts will be addressed with the new MOU to be submitted in Spring 2014. | | | |
| Attachments: | | | |
| None | | | |
| Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board: | | | |
| None | | | |