



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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DATE: April 26, 2022

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

SHERIFF – ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF’S ASSOCIATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, permit the acceptance of gifts and donations by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association (HDSA) is a group of local business and community leaders with a long history of providing support to the San Diego Sheriff’s Department. This is a request to approve the acceptance of donations valued at \$26,737 for various fitness, craft, game, and recreation equipment for the Responsibility Empathy Service Perseverance Education Courage Trustworthiness (RESPECT) Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SHERIFF

1. In accordance with County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, accept equipment valued at \$26,737 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Sheriff’s Responsibility Empathy Service Perseverance Education Courage Trustworthiness (RESPECT) Program was created in 2014 by four San Marcos COPPS Deputies. In accordance with the County of San Diego "Live Well San Diego" initiative, the RESPECT Program encourages collaboration between organizations and government agencies to suppress juvenile delinquency and gang violence. It offers recreation, education, mentoring, and family services to at-risk teenage youth in San Diego County. Mentors strive to build strong relationships with

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students, providing them with the necessary skills to make good decisions and improve their quality of life for their families and communities. The RESPECT Program opened its new dedicated facility in San Marcos to participants in 2021. The donation of supplies and equipment by the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association will be used to enhance the services provided to the students and their families who participate in the program, as well as to ensure the future success of combatting gang participation and juvenile delinquency in the Sheriff’s jurisdiction. Providing quality educational and diversion opportunities to keep these students out of the criminal justice system assures that the most vulnerable populations - youth from socio-economically challenged backgrounds - have a higher likelihood of becoming successful adults and creating positive outcomes.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with today’s request to accept donations valued at \$26,737 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association. Future ongoing costs associated with these donations such as, but not limited to, annual maintenance, will be included in future years’ Operational Plans for the Sheriff’s Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Sheriff’s Department Responsibility Empathy Service Perseverance Education Courage Trustworthiness (RESPECT) Project is a character-building and mentoring program developed in 2014 by deputies from the San Marcos Sheriff’s Station. The RESPECT Project collaborates with community-based organizations and government agencies to suppress juvenile delinquency and gang violence by offering recreation, education, mentoring, and family services to at-risk teenage youth in their community.

The San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association (HDSA), a group of local business and community leaders, has a long history of providing support to the San Diego Sheriff’s Department through funding equipment purchases and facilitating donations from private groups and citizens to benefit the department.

In February 2022, the San Diego Sheriff’s Department was informed of the HDSA’s intent to donate various fitness, craft, game, and recreation equipment for the RESPECT Project. This is a request to approve the acceptance of donations valued at \$26,737 from the HDSA.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed actions support the Equity Initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2022-2027 Strategic Plan by dismantling barriers and expanding opportunities in traditionally underserved communities, especially communities of color and low income, by accepting and utilizing

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donations to be used for the benefit of providing resources that support crime prevention to the residents of San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony C. Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" at the end.

ANTHONY C. RAY
Sheriff

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Letter of Appreciation to the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association