

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

**SUBJECT: SHERIFF - RATIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM THE
SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION AND EL
CAJON ANIMAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND SERVICES
(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, provide a process for accepting gifts by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. This is a request to ratify the acceptance of donations received between September 2023 and June 2024 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association for food, books and rental equipment valued at \$16,459 for the Sheriff's Wellness Unit to host Wellness Days held throughout the fiscal year and the Emergency Services Division to host a Family Wellness Event held in April 2024, and to approve the acceptance of donations of \$10,000 for food and books provided at upcoming Wellness Days. In addition, this is a request to accept a donation for the Sheriff's Canine Unit of \$32,900 from the El Cajon Animal Center for Education and Services for the purchase of two canines and to provide additional training for the canines and their handlers.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

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, ratify the acceptance of donations from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association for food, books and rental equipment valued at \$16,459, accept a \$10,000 donation from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, and accept a donation of \$32,900 from the El Cajon Animal Center for Education and Services to purchase two canines and provide additional training for the canines and their handlers.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the letters of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and the El Cajon Animal Center for Education and Services.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Public safety success results from well trained, well equipped, and healthy personnel creating positive partnerships with our community. The donations from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and El Cajon Animal Center for Education and Services both support Sheriff's Department personnel and canines through training and wellness programs. The donation towards Wellness Days and events supports the department's Wellness Unit, employee wellness programs, and overall mental and emotional health of employees. The addition of two canines enhances the department's public safety service delivery in the seizure of dangerous drugs, finding explosives, detaining criminals, locating missing persons at-risk, and uncovering forensic evidence at crime scenes.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to receive the donation in support of employee wellness contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access. Building better mental and emotional health, physical well-being, and personal resilience in Sheriff's employees decreases the negative impacts of trauma and stress that is caused by carrying out difficult duties or responding to a dispatcher call. Having healthy employees assists with building trust and partnerships with our diverse communities. By enhancing the delivery of law enforcement services through the use of canines, the department is furthering the County's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the San Diego region. Adding two canines to the Sheriff's Department's first responder team not only benefits the County of San Diego, but also other regional jurisdictions as part of mutual aid agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to ratify the acceptance of various donations valued at \$16,459 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association. Funds from the donations are not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will also authorize the Sheriff's Department to accept donations, and result in current year costs and revenue of \$10,000 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and \$32,900 from the El Cajon Animal Center for Education and Services to support employee Wellness Days as well as the purchase of two canines and additional training for the canines and their handlers. Future ongoing costs associated with the purchase of the two canines including, but not limited to, food and veterinary care, 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

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Vargas

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter



JULY 16, 2024