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Funding for Sheriff's Unincorporated Area Patrols

The Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) was designed to allow low-level offenders awaiting sentencing to be monitored electronically. The EMP is intended to help reduce the jail population and result in ongoing savings for the Sheriff's Department. In FY 2009-10, the Board of Supervisors set-aside \$2,600,000 in ongoing funds to allow the Sheriff's Department to expand the EMP and achieve the anticipated efficiencies. The Sheriff has since reported to this Board that in order to increase the number of inmates on the EMP, legislative changes are required. In particular, the State law would have to be amended to allow un-sentenced low-level offenders to participate in the EMP in addition to sentenced misdemeanants. While the Sheriff continues to work with the County's legislative advocates to enact this change, the funds that were set-aside for the EMP are not being utilized.

At this time, the Sheriff has other critical unmet needs with more immediate and significant impacts to the Sheriff's Department and to the residents of the

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unincorporated areas, in particular, services provided by the unincorporated area patrol deputies. The services provided in the unincorporated areas are especially critical during these difficult economic times in which residents may already be experiencing a great deal of uncertainty and insecurity. For this reason, it is imperative and pragmatic that those funds that are currently being under-utilized help mitigate curtailments for the most critical needed services.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Sheriff to:

- 1) Report back to the Board during final consideration of the budget in June 2010 on how \$2,600,000 would be allocated for patrols among unincorporated communities; and
- 2) Consider the transfer of \$2,600,000 in one-time funding from the Sheriff's Countywide Electronic Monitoring Program in PFU to the Sheriff's Department in FY 2010-11.

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