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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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Subject: Authorization for the Sheriff to Accept the Gun Violence Reduction Pilot Program Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections in the Amount of \$750,000 to Fund a Countywide Prohibited Persons Gun Reduction Program for the Time Period September 12, 2019 through June 30, 2022; Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Increase Sheriff's Appropriations and Unanticipated Revenue in the Amount of \$750,000; (RECOMMENDATION #2 REQUIRES 4/5 VOTE)

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to accept grant funds from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Gun Violence Reduction Pilot Program in the amount of \$750,000 to fund a countywide prohibited persons gun reduction program for the period beginning September 12, 2019 and concluding June 30, 2022.
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary Gun Violence Reduction Pilot Program budget adjustments for appropriations and unanticipated revenue within Sheriff's Police Services – Special Services Division, Unit 2529 (this recommendation requires 4/5 Vote):

INCREASE 2500-2529 Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 750,000
INCREASE 2500-2529 Services and Supplies	\$ 750,000

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No		
Funding Match Required:	None		
Impact on Other Depts.:	None		
Source of Funding:	Board of State and Community Corrections		
Summary of Revenue and Costs:		<u>FY2019-20</u>	<u>FY2020-22</u>
Revenue:		\$ 750,000	\$ 0
Costs:			
Direct		\$ 750,000	\$ 0
Indirect – Department		\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – County CAP		\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs		\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

FY 2019-20 Budget Projection for Sheriff's Police Services Division 2500 - Unit 2529				
Major Crimes				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 18,861,640	\$ 18,861,640	\$ 18,861,640	\$ - 0 -
Revenue	\$ 4,979,831	\$ 4,979,831	\$ 4,979,831	\$ - 0 -
Net Cost	\$ 13,881,809	\$ 13,881,809	\$ 13,881,809	\$ - 0 -

Discussion:

Existing law requires the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to maintain a "Prohibited Armed Persons File." Consequently, the DOJ established the Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS), which went into effect in December 2006. The system is maintained and enforced by the Bureau of Firearms (BOF) within DOJ. Specifically, the BOF is responsible for education, regulation, and enforcement actions related to the manufacture, sale, ownership, safety training, and transfer of firearms. The purpose of APPS is to disarm individuals who are legally prohibited from possessing a firearm. These individuals include those who have been convicted of any felony crime, those convicted of a specified misdemeanor crime, specified persons suffering from mental illness, and others. The system tracks subjects who lawfully purchased firearms but then illegally retained their firearms after falling into a prohibited category. The system cross references firearms owners across the state against criminal history records, mental health records, and restraining orders to identify

individuals who have been, or will become, prohibited from possessing a firearm subsequent to the legal acquisition or registration of a firearm or assault weapon.

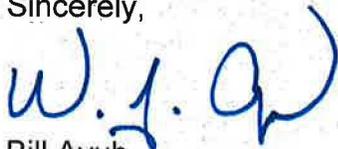
Since the inception of the Armed and Prohibited Persons System in 2006, the number of prohibited persons in the system has grown exponentially and there are now more than 23,000 prohibited persons in the APPS database. A 2018 legislative report prepared by the California Department of Justice recognized the most efficient and effective way to reduce the number of armed prohibited persons was working collaboratively with local law enforcement.

In the Budget Act of 2019, the Legislature appropriated \$3 million for a Gun Violence Reduction Pilot Program to support local law enforcement entities to seize weapons and ammunition from persons who are prohibited from possessing them. The funds must be encumbered or spent by June 30, 2022. California Assembly member Jacqui Irwin selected the Ventura County Sheriff's Office as one of the agencies to receive and manage the grant funding. A total of \$750,000 was allocated for the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff's Office will coordinate enforcement activities with DOJ, including reporting all weapons and ammunition seizures.

The \$750,000 appropriated to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office will be used to develop and implement an innovative Disarming Prohibited Persons Taskforce (DPPT) team program, consisting of law enforcement officers from local and state agencies, for the purpose of, among other things, identifying, monitoring, arresting, and assisting in the prosecution of individuals who are armed and prohibited from possessing a firearm. This will include overtime reimbursement for officers participating in gun reduction sweeps, background investigations, and/or the purchase of a case management system to identify, monitor and track persons who are prohibited from owning firearms.

This letter has been reviewed by the offices of the County Executive, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller. If you have questions regarding these items, please contact Assistant Sheriff Chris Dunn at (805) 494-8261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. J. Ayub", written over a faint grid background.

Bill Ayub
Sheriff