

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Supervisor Cann

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Adopt resolution in support of legislation which would remove the sunset date for vehicle license fee funding of the state Local Safety and Protection Account and authorize Chair to sign letters to local legislators supporting said legislation. Please see attached report for justification.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: The Board routinely provides input to state legislators regarding issues of interest and concern.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: If not approved Mariposa County will not be on record in support of the proposed legislation.

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| Financial Impact? () Yes (x) No | Current FY Cost: \$ | Annual Recurring Cost: \$ |
| Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded | | |
| Amount in Budget: \$ _____ | | List Attachments, number pages consecutively |
| Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____ | | Report Memo |
| Source: | | Resolution |
| Internal Transfer _____ | | Letters |
| Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote | | |
| Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote | | |
| Contingency _____ 4/5's vote | | |
| () General () Other | | |

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 10-554 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

CAO: [Signature]

3-30-11
Letters were not needed
after all per Kevin Cann

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MEMORANDUM

December 7, 2010

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Chair Kevin Cann
Subject: Vehicle License Fee (VLF)

On June 30, 2011, the portion of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that is currently directed to local law enforcement services, and encompasses the majority of the state funding to local public safety, is set to expire. As the law is now written, 5% of the VLF rate is allocated to the Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA). COPS (funds front-line law enforcement, jails, and district attorneys), juvenile justice programs, Rural Sheriffs, Cal-MMET (methamphetamine enforcement), booking fee remediation, vertical prosecution, and other key public safety initiatives are all funded by the expiring VLF. These programs were moved from the state General Fund to the VLF as part of the budget adopted in February 2009.

Dedicated VLF proceeds protect local law enforcement programs and allow law enforcement officials to plan and maintain our services to our communities. Originally, these programs were moved from the General Fund to the VLF to assist the state in reaching a budget agreement. Now we are in danger of losing significant funding because a sunset date of June 30, 2011 was placed on the funding. In the event that the Legislature and the Administration do not address this issue immediately, law enforcement services will have to be dismantled.

It is important that the legislature address this issue now and not during the budget discussion. It is difficult, if not impossible, to effectively prepare and budget for patrols, specialized task forces, community supervision, and intervention and prevention programs if the allocation is set to expire.

It is recommended that our Board adopt a resolution supporting legislation which would remove the sunset date of June 30, 2011 and provide for a permanent allocation of VLF funds to the Local Safety and Protection Account.

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION
REMOVING THE SUNSET DATE ON VEHICLE LICENSE FEE FUNDING
FOR THE LOCAL SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, the portion of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that is currently directed to local law enforcement services, and encompasses the majority of the state funding to local public safety, is set to expire on June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this funding is critical to law enforcement in Mariposa County and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear need for law enforcement to have a reliable source of funding for the Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA); and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation which proposes to make the LSPA funding from vehicle license fees permanent.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County hereby adopts this resolution of support for the proposed legislation removing the sunset date on vehicle license fee funding for the Local Safety and Protection Account.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 7TH day of December, 2010, by unanimous vote.

BRAD ABORN, District I Supervisor

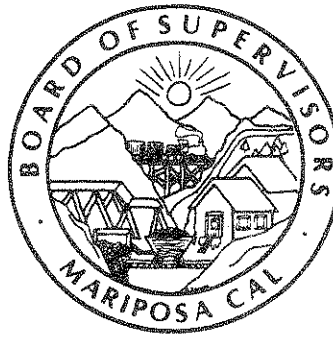
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Honorable Kristin Olsen
P.O. Box 4182
Modesto, CA

Dear Assembly Member Olsen,

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Without a reliable funding source local law enforcement would face serious handicaps. It is difficult, if not impossible, to effectively prepare and budget for patrols, specialized task forces, community supervision, and intervention and prevention programs if the allocation is set to expire.

There is pending legislation authored by Assemblyman Wes Chesbro of Eureka and Assemblyman Jim Nielsen of Tehama which would remove the sunset date and provide permanent funding. The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County discussed this matter on December 7th and adopted a resolution supporting this legislation. Because this funding is crucial to the offices of the Sheriff, District Attorney and Probation, we respectfully request your assistance and support for this bill.

Congratulations on your election. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors looks forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

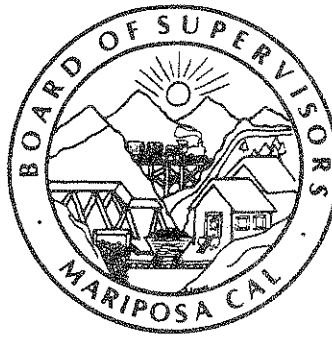
Kevin Cann
Chairman

Enclosure

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Honorable Tom Berryhill
1912 Standiford Ave, Suite 4
Modesto, CA 95350

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