

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2

DATE: April 14&15, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$200 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer County Peer Court *Coroner's Visitation Program* as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$200).

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve appropriation of \$200 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer County Peer Court *Coroner's Visitation Program* as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$200).

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help fund the Placer County Peer Court *Coroner's Visitation Program*. The Placer Peer Court mission is diversion and prevention through accountability and education. A prevention component is taught in fifteen high schools in Placer County with lessons based on the juveniles' opportunity to accept responsibility for their own behavior, demonstrate accountability to their community and create an understanding of the judicial process. This program is the high point of the Driving Under the Influence Prevention program which provides a curriculum over a four week period to all teens and parents who are sentenced through the Peer Court. The purchase of a mannequin with removable organs to demonstrate more factually some of the processes that are used by the coroners' office would be beneficial given that California law prohibits the viewing of actual bodies in the portion of the program where students tour the morgue. This program will affect approximately three hundred students this year and significantly reduce future DUI's among our county's youth with a message that will have lasting impact well into their adulthood. The funds designated will help defray the cost of the mannequin.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

# Placer County Peer Court



*Diversion and Prevention through Accountability and Education*

February 2, 2008

Dear Chairman Holmes

I am asking for support of the Board of Supervisors in the Coroner's Visitation program being conducted in partnership between the Placer County Peer Court and the Placer County Sheriff's Coroner's Department. The program is the capstone of the Driving Under the Influence Prevention program being sponsored through a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The grant has provided instruction for trainers who are provided a curriculum developed by an educational consultant and delivered over a four week period to all teens and parents who are sentenced through the Peer Court. In the course of implementing the program I became aware of the Las Vegas Coroner's program and through the grant was able to send two deputies to Las Vegas for training and support their efforts in developing a program for our county. That program has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel and was initiated in January. Since California law prohibits the viewing of actual bodies in the portion of the program where students tour the morgue, we want to purchase a mannequin with removable organs to demonstrate more factually some of the processes used by the coroners. The cost of the mannequin is where we need the help of the supervisors. We have had gowns, booties and gloves donated for the required cover-ups of the teens when they tour the morgue but lack the donation or funds to purchase the mannequin. If each supervisor would contribute just \$100 of their revenue sharing monies we could purchase the mannequin. I have attached a copy of the intended model's cost and shipping charge. This program will affect approximately 300 students this year alone.

Thank you for your consideration for this contribution to a program we all hope will significantly reduce future DUI's among our county's youth with a message that will have lasting impact well into their adulthood. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (916)663-9227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Green".

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