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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Todd Billeci, County Probation Officer  
Date: December 11, 2018

Subject: Gift Cards for the Thinking For a Change Program Offered by the Probation Department

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent to purchase one hundred (100) Wal-Mart gift cards and one hundred (100) Target gift cards in an amount of \$25 each for a total of \$5,000 to promote participation in the Thinking For a Change rehabilitative program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

50% SB678 State Revenue; 50% General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Probation Department is offering a cognitive-based program called "Thinking For A Change" for probationers. The program is offered weekly over a period of 26 weeks. Deputy Probation Officers are currently facilitating groups in West, Central and East County. 120 participants are expected to be served during the current fiscal year. The program curriculum focuses on giving the clients tools to change their thinking which studies have shown leads to changed behavior. The gift cards will be used as an incentive for the clients to complete the program as they transition and re-enter their communities.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/11/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

A YE: Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 11, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If this action is not approved, the Department will not be to issue incentives to probationers attending the Thinking for A Change program which could potentially results in lower participation and completion rates.