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County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Diana Becton, District Attorney  
Date: January 21, 2020

Subject: Gift Cards for Helms Middle School human trafficking awareness curriculum

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

AUTHORIZE the District Attorney's Office to provide three (3) Target gift cards in an amount of \$50 each for a total of \$150 for the human trafficking awareness curriculum at Helms Middle School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% DA Asset Forfeiture Funding. Gift cards were previously purchased.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors ratified the District Attorney's Office's purchase of \$13,350 of Target gift cards from October 2016 for Gun Buy-Back Events. The balance of gift cards in the amount of \$8,350 is being safeguarded and tracked in accordance with Administrative Bulletin 615, and authorization is being requested for their use.

Throughout the month of January, the District Attorney's Office will be presenting a human trafficking curriculum to middle school students at Helms Middle School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. The objective of this curriculum is to educate students about

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☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/21/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V 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: January 21, 2020

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

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### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

strategies of human traffickers and empower them to protect themselves from predators.

We will introduce our courthouse dog, who supports victims of crime in the courtroom and comforts survivors who have to testify in court. For students who may already be victims of trafficking, we will provide resources and support.

Through our discussion, students will learn what human trafficking is and how it is currently impacting their community. We will lead an interactive discussion about how unhealthy relationships can become abusive and lead to trafficking; most importantly, students will learn strategies to protect themselves and what to do if they are approached by predators through social media or in person.

As part of our curriculum, we will ask the students to create artwork to express what they have learned about human trafficking. We will select three winners, who will be honored at the Human Trafficking Day of Action on January 23rd in West Contra Costa County. As their prize, we will give each student a \$50 Target Gift Card.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's Office will not be able to provide already purchased gift cards to local school children at Helms Middle School for the human trafficking awareness curriculum.