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To: Chairman Doug Chaffee

From: Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, 2nd District

Date: September 23, 2025

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Re: Add Discussion Item to the September 23, Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda

Please add the following as a discussion item to the September 23, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda:

Approval of up to \$25,000 for Orange County Gun Buy Back Program

Summary:

Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento requests Board approval to allocate up to \$25,000 from his District 2 discretionary funds to support the Orange County Gun Buy Back Program. This program represents a proactive, community-based effort to reduce the number of unwanted firearms in circulation, enhance public safety, and prevent unwanted guns from ending up on the street.

Background:

Gun buyback programs have been successfully implemented across the nation as a voluntary and effective method for residents to safely dispose of unwanted firearms. These events not only help reduce the risk of accidental shootings, theft, and unlawful use of guns but also strengthen community trust in public safety efforts. In 2024 Supervisor Sarmiento partnered with Board Chairman Doug Chaffee and local law enforcement agencies to sponsor a Gun Buy Back program collecting hundreds of unwanted firearms that were turned in during the event. For this year's event, the Garden Grove Police Department will act as the lead law enforcement agency.

Purpose of Funding:

The requested allocation will cover program expenses necessary to successfully implement and operate the buyback event. Funding will support, but not be limited to, the following:

- Staffing and logistical support
- Gift cards for participants who turn in firearms
- Production and distribution of community outreach materials
- Firearm testing and safe destruction of collected items
- Program supplies and other related expenses

Recommended Action Items:

1. Approve allocation of up to \$25,000 from Second district Discretionary funds for Orange County Gun Buy Back Program
2. Find under Government Code section 26227 that this expenditure is necessary to meet the social needs of County residents.
3. Authorize and direct the County Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Garden Grove Police Department as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to, the execution of the agreement with Garden Grove Police Department.
4. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to make related payments as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to Cal- Card, electronic fund transfers or check payments.