



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** May 20, 2003  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**SUBJECT:** KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON SEXUAL PREDATORS (District: All)  
**SUMMARY:**

#### **Overview**

Today's recommendations continue San Diego County's efforts to maintain a close watch on sexual offenders by requesting a search for additional grant funding for staff support and information technology upgrades. In addition, we are requesting changes in Federal regulations to require military sexual offender release programs to also notify local law enforcement agencies when a sexual offender is released back into the community.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **CHAIRMAN COX VICE CHAIRWOMAN JACOB SHERIFF KOLENDER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY DUMANIS:**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in partnership with the Departments of the Sheriff, District Attorney and Probation, to pursue grant funding to provide additional staff support as well as to augment current efforts to upgrade Information Technology to ensure San Diego County can continue to maintain careful observation of sexual predators and provide accurate and timely information to the public.
2. Direct the CAO to seek federal support to ensure that military sexual offender release programs are required to notify local law enforcement when an offender is released into the community.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with these recommendations.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On October 9, 2001 (15), the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisors Cox and Jacob's recommendations to aggressively pursue alternatives to prevent the release of Violent Sexual Predators as well as to develop a comprehensive strategy to manage these predators if they are returned to the community. On March 12, 2002 (1), the Board of Supervisors approved

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Supervisor Jacob's recommendation to increase the availability of Megan's Law information to San Diego County residents. On October 1, 2002 (6), the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Jacob's recommendations to introduce and support County sponsored legislation to change State laws so that possession of child pornography would be a felony, and that registered sex offenders who have committed crimes against children cannot live within a quarter mile of a school or childcare center. On December 3, 2002 (27), the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisors Cox and Jacob's recommendations to work with representatives of the San Diego County School Boards Association, Region 18 of the Association of California School Administrators, Parent Teachers Associations and law enforcement agencies to develop a uniform policy that prohibits sex offenders from volunteering in schools. On January 28, 2003 (5), the Board of Supervisors approved Chairman Cox and Vice Chairwoman Jacob's recommendations to request a change in State law to allow school districts and public libraries direct access to Megan's Law database. On March 11, 2003 (28), the Board of Supervisors approved Chairman Cox and Vice Chairwoman Jacob's recommendation to request a change in State law to increase the amount of information contained in the Megan's Law database and make it available to the public over the Internet.

San Diego County is continuing with efforts to maintain a close watch on sexual offenders and violent sexual predators and more will be accomplished with additional grant funding as well as Federal cooperation. Current grant funding will allow for the first phase of the Information Technology project but additional funds will be required to complete subsequent phases.

Federal cooperation is also being sought to require the military to notify local law enforcement jurisdictions when a convicted sex offender is being released back into the community. This will allow local law enforcement to make the appropriate notifications to the community.

We urge your support!

Respectfully submitted,

GREG COX  
Chairman

DIANNE JACOB  
Vice Chairwoman

BILL KOLENDER  
Sheriff

BONNIE DUMANIS  
District Attorney

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

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| <b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |                              |
| Written Disclosure per County Charter<br>Section 1000.1 Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Requires Four Votes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION<br/>TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

**Other Concurrence(s):**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** First Supervisorial District  
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