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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 15, 2016

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Support for Senate Bill 1046 (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

Driving while under the influence continues to be a major contributor to traffic crashes and deaths in San Diego County. It is estimated that in 2013 alone, 10,076 people nationwide lost their lives in crashes involving a drunk driver. It is imperative that we as a County do all that we can to curtail the senseless loss of life and injury that comes from irresponsible individuals who decide to drive while under the influence of alcohol. Ignition interlock devices have proven to be effective in stopping many who choose to drink and drive. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), ignition interlock devices have prevented 1.77 million attempts by a driver to drive with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

At my request the Board of Supervisors took action in 2009 to support State legislation that would make San Diego one of four pilot counties in California to require a person convicted of a single DUI offense to install a certified ignition interlock device on each vehicle that the person owns or operates. Unfortunately, San Diego County was not chosen to participate in the pilot project.

Senate Bill 1046 (Hill) expands the current four county pilot program statewide. The bill requires anyone convicted of a DUI offense to install an ignition interlock device on their vehicle. Requiring ignition interlock devices on those convicted of a DUI will greatly enhance the safety of those living in San Diego County and the entire state.

Therefore, today's action will draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors' support for State Senate Bill 1046 to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Sacramento.

Recommendation(s)

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors' support for State Senate Bill 1046 to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Sacramento.

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Fiscal Impact

N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

Driving while under the influence continues to be a major contributor to traffic crashes and deaths in San Diego County. It is estimated that in 2013 alone, 10,076 people nationwide lost their lives in crashes involving a drunk driver. According to DMV data, during the last 30 years, over 50,000 people have died in California because of drunk drivers and over 1 million have been injured. It is imperative that we as a County do all that we can to curtail the senseless loss of life and injury that comes from irresponsible individuals who decide to drive while under the influence of alcohol.

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- 1st DUI offense: Ignition interlock device for six months
- 2nd DUI offense: Ignition interlock device for one year
- 3rd DUI offense: Ignition interlock device for two years
- 4th and subsequent DUI: Ignition interlock device for three years.

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Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today's proposed action supports the Safe Communities Initiative of the County of San Diego's

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2015-2020 Strategic Plan by protecting our residents from the irresponsible behaviors of those who choose to drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

March 20, 2007, Support for Senate Bill 177: Ignition Interlock devices for convicted DUI offenders
March 3, 2009, Support for AB 91 – Ignition Interlock Devices

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCES(S): N/A

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