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AGENDA: 12/14/99

December 7, 1999

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County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: SUPPORT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEW YEAR'S EVE
PREPARATIONS

Dear Members of the Board:

As you know, the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies throughout the County are making special preparations for this New Year's Eve. This is motivated by two factors, including the additional revelry that is expected because of the millennium celebration, and the prospect for any potential Y2K problems.

Law enforcement personnel around the County will be located at four major mobilization points. These include the cities of Santa Cruz, **Scotts** Valley and Watsonville, each of which will be hosting law enforcement representatives from other jurisdictions, including Deputy Sheriffs who will be posted to each of these locations.

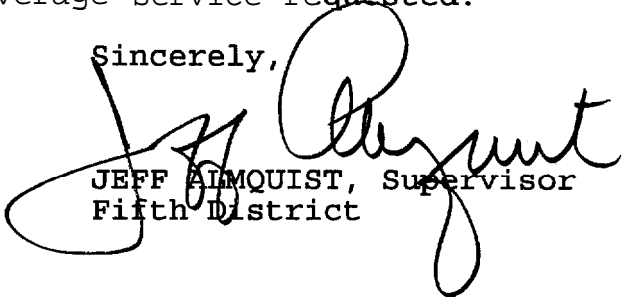
The Sheriff's Office intends to operate the fourth mobilization center at the Sheriff's community policing office on Felt Street in mid-County. They will be asking their employees to work long shifts in an emergency setting on this evening. They will also be hosting law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions at this location as well as a large number of volunteers. In light of this, they would request that the Board approve an exception to the food and beverage provisions in the current County Procedures Manual so **as** to permit the Sheriff's Office to serve a hot meal and non-alcoholic beverages for the officers and volunteers who will be engaged in the activities at this location. The Sheriff's Office estimates that 120 people will be working at this location during the course of the evening. The Office has received several food catering cost estimates from local vendors and believes that the total cost of providing the food and beverage service will not exceed \$2,000 for the evening.

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In order to permit this food service to occur at County cost, it will be necessary to waive the provisions of the County Procedures Manual which would limit the Department's ability to provide this food service to its officers, volunteers, and officers from other jurisdictions who will be posted to that location while they are on duty.

Accordingly, I would recommend that the Board authorize a waiver of those provisions of the County Procedures Manual which would prevent the Sheriff's Department from providing this food service, and authorize the expenditures of up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of the food and beverage service requested.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

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cc: Sheriff Mark Tracy

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