



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Sheriff  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: \*\*\*\*\*  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Sheriff Bill Brown  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Lt. Kevin Huddle ext. 4133

**SUBJECT:** Sale of Retired Sheriff's Canine

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the retirement and transfer of ownership of Sheriff's Canine, Gango Vom Saltztalblick, AKA "Gango", to Senior Deputy Patrick Hayes for the sum of One Dollar.

**Summary Text:**

Canine "Gango" was placed into service with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department on October 3, 2008, when he was 20 months old. Gango has been assigned to his partner Senior Deputy Patrick Hayes during this entire time and worked as a patrol canine, specifically trained in EOD (bomb) detection.

Gango has worked as a patrol canine for the past seven and a half years. Gango is now 9 years old and his body is starting to show the wear and tear from being a full time patrol canine. Based on collaboration between Senior Deputy Hayes, the Sheriff's K9 Unit and our Department Veterinarian, it was decided that Gango had reached his patrol service life and it is time for Gango to retire from police work. He was officially retired on April 10, 2016.

Senior Deputy Hayes has requested permission to purchase Gango. Senior Deputy Hayes will take on the responsibility for the care and associated costs related to Gango's health.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the care and feeding of departmental canines. The Department is also liable for the actions of the canines. Once sold to the handler, these responsibilities rest with the new owner.

The handlers historically purchase retired canines. Senior Deputy Hayes has expressed an interest in purchasing Gango.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: No change in programs or service levels. Other existing canine units will cover the beat vacated by the retirement of Gango. Gango will be replaced by another canine in May 2016 and they will be assigned to patrol operations at the completion of the 4 week Canine Patrol School. Until the replacement dog is received, some operational savings related to lower food and veterinarian cost will be realized. The total savings will be less than \$1,000.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the minute order to the Sheriff's Department, Attn: Lt. Kevin Huddle

**Attachments:**

None

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