



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-31

For the meeting of: August 18, 2015

Date: July 30, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Michael T. Downey, Sheriff
Subject: Acceptance of Donation from Gay G. Toroni for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Gay G. Toroni for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Gay G. Toroni donation

DISCUSSION:

Gay G. Toroni has offered a donation in the amount of \$1,000 for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in recognition of outstanding performance by Deputy Rondie Buzzard.

Prepared by Norma S. Lorenzo
Norma S. Lorenzo, Deputy Director Sheriff Admin

CAO Approval Cheryl Dillingham

REVIEW:
Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-20

Meeting of: 10/7/14

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Lovelace

Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg

Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Fennell, Bohn, Bass

Nays

Abstain

Absent

And carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this report.

Dated: Aug. 18, 2015

By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Ms. Toroni was involved in a legal battle with a lessee of property, and the Sheriff's Office was called upon to assist in the eviction process. Ms. Toroni wishes to extend her gratitude in the form of a very generous donation, designated in recognition of Deputy Buzzard's professionalism and outstanding performance in defusing a difficult situation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the \$1,000 donation from Gay G. Toroni will allow for the purchase of much needed equipment and supplies in the community outreach program. The donation will be allocated to Special Department Expense 1100-221-2123.

Acceptance of the donation allows the Sheriff's Office to facilitate acceptance of an outside funding source that will address local needs and improve health and safety within the county.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to accept the generous donation of \$1,000 from Ms. Toroni, however, this is not recommended as it would negatively impact the amount of funds dedicated to community outreach by the Sheriff's Office.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 Letter of Donation Gay G. Toroni

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Letter of Donation
Gay G. Toroni

Green Point Ranch

Gay G. Toroni

2204 D Street
Eureka, CA 95501

July 28, 2015

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

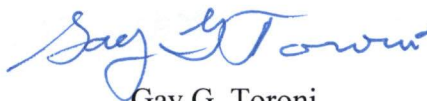
Dear Sheriff Downey,

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 as a donation to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in recognition of the outstanding performance of Deputy Buzzard.

I leased only the grazing area of Green Point Ranch to Rick Franks, who turned out to be the "Tenant From Hell." He tried to take over the entire ranch and to lock me and tenants of other portions of the ranch out. After a nasty two week trial, I obtained a judgement for possession. Franks refused to leave and remove his cattle from the property. He started vandalizing my ranch improvements.

I obtained a Writ of Possession. Deputy Buzzard stepped in and immediately defused the situation. His immediate response kept the situation from escalating, preventing further costly legal action. Without his presence and professional conduct, I would still be embattled by Franks.

Yours Very Truly,



Gay G. Toroni

GGT/jrh
Enclosure