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The Sheriff's Department CargoCats Theft Task Force is a law enforcement service that is critical to the economy of Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County has unique challenges with a large air cargo hub, the busiest United States seaport at the combined Port of Los Angeles/ Long Beach, and myriad distribution, warehouse, and trucking facilities making the County a target rich environment for cargo crime. It is imperative that the County maintain a dedicated group of law enforcement personnel whose primary mission is to conduct complex investigations, cultivate informants, and continue to make sizable recoveries of stolen products. The CargoCats task force has effectuated over 1,150 felony arrests and the recovery of \$176,000,000 worth of stolen cargo since its inception in 1990.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE THAT, the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller to re-appropriate \$200,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses Account to an earmarked escrow account for partial year funding associated with continuing a minimum staffing level for the Sheriff's Department CargoCats Task Force during Fiscal Year 2002-2003. Further, that said funding not be transferred to the Sheriff's Department until such time as sufficient outside resources have been secured to offset the full cost for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

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WE FURTHER MOVE THAT, the CAO work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department to seek state and or federal revenue in the form of Homeland Security Grants or other available revenue in order to continue the CargoCats Task Force beyond Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

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