

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



Submitted: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 30, 2013

SUBJECT: Reward In Connection with Damage to Ronald Reagan Statue

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors offers a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the determination of the identity of, apprehension of, and the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who willfully damaged the statue depicting former President Ronald Reagan in the Ronald Reagan Sports Park on or about September 20th, 2013.

BACKGROUND: On September 20, 2013, the life size statue of Ronald Reagan in the Ronald Reagan Sports Park in Temecula was vandalized in an apparent arson fire. A park worker discovered the damage at about 7:00 a.m. the morning of September 20, 2013. The statue had been donated to the City of Temecula by the nonprofit Friends of Ronald Reagan Sports Park and was the first phase of a planned monument that would also celebrate the founding members and volunteers of the sports park.

The Board of Supervisors has the discretion, pursuant to Government Code section 53069.5, to offer and pay a reward for information leading to the identity of and the apprehension of any person who willfully damages any property. The proposed motion would authorize a reward of up to \$10,000 for new information leading to the identity of, apprehension of, arrest and conviction of any person or persons responsible for the damage to the Ronald Reagan statue in the Ronald Reagan Sports Park in Temecula occurring on or about September 20, 2013. In the event that more than one person files a claim for the reward, and is eligible to receive the proceeds from the reward, the Executive Office will consult with law enforcement officials to determine the importance of the information to the investigation. The Executive Office will then provide the Board of Supervisors with recommendations about what portion of the reward should go to each claimant. The total of the reward payments in this case shall not exceed \$10,000 regardless of the number of claimants or dates by which they file their claims.

Anyone having any information concerning the identity of the person or persons who set fire to the statue of Ronald Reagan in the Ronald Reagan Sports Park in Temecula on or about September 20, 2013 should contact the Riverside County Fire Department's Arson Hotline at (800) 633-2836.



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