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Board Approves Funding for Lincoln Center Safety Improvements

Stockton, CA – In its meeting last week, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors took action to protect residents and merchants in Lincoln Center with approval of approximately \$45,000 for technology upgrades. With this investment, the Board is sending a clear message of the important role of local government in public safety.

“Public safety is a top priority of this Board and a top responsibility of local government,” commented Board Chairman Robert Rickman. “Our residents deserve safe, local shopping environments, and with this investment, we are ensuring that local law enforcement has the tools they need to protect our residents and business owners.”

With approximately two million visits per year and approximately 50,000 vehicles driving by each day, Lincoln Center is a hub of activity and commerce. Shoplifting and other property crimes take place there regularly, despite law enforcement and security presence. With technology improvements, the Sheriff’s Office and Lincoln Properties will be able to capture information to share with law enforcement partners, to make sure investigators have all possible tools at their disposal.

“Lincoln Center is a vital part of the Stockton community,” commented Supervisor Paul Canepa, whose second district covers the area. “Having seen the way technology has helped law enforcement in this area recently, I wanted to bring forward this item and appreciate the full Board’s support to provide law enforcement with the best possible tools to protect our residents and businesses. All of our supervisors recognize the important place Lincoln Center holds in our community, and we are all committed to public safety.”

The technology requested by the Sheriff’s Office will give them the necessary information to bring additional officers when suspicious vehicles are present. It will also help alert in-house security to terminated employees, banned patrons, on-going investigations, and known at-risk visitors, as well as automatically alerting law enforcement of vehicles on the NCMEC Amber Alert system and FBI NCIC Hot List.

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