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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2008
 TO: Members of the Board of Supervisors
 FROM: Patricia C. Bates, Vice Chair, Fifth District

RE: Request to add a Supplemental Agenda Item for November 25, 2008 –
 CCW Revocations and Department of Justice Records

During our regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 18, 2008, it came to light during the testimony of several speakers on the CCW license issue that the revocation of a CCW license due to the new Sheriff's more stringent policy would have the unintended consequence of any CCW revocation appearing on the person's Department of Justice record in the same manner as if the license had been revoked because of criminal misconduct or other wrongdoing. I am deeply concerned that law-abiding citizens may suffer negative consequences in their personal and professional lives as a result of this license revocation appearing on their Department of Justice record.

Therefore, I recommend this Board direct County Counsel, in conjunction with CEO Legislative Affairs and the County's lobbyists, to contact the Department of Justice in an effort to clearly distinguish and note the cause of any revocation on any future revocations. Further, this effort must strongly encourage the Department of Justice to revise its current practice in order to enhance the safety of our law enforcement officials, as well as our citizens, while maintaining an appropriate and accurate record of CCW holders and any subsequent revocation. Failure to meet a revised discretionary interpretation of "good cause" must not be misinterpreted as not being fit to carry a concealed weapon.

Additionally, I would like to direct staff to draft a letter to the Attorney General, for all Members of this Board to sign, urging him to revise this practice and require that the cause of revocation be included in the notation of revocation in the Department of Justice records.

cc: Tom Mauk, CEO
 Ben de Mayo, County Counsel