

**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
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**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

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13. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 124 W. MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- ~~1. Find that the proposed lease is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301.~~
- ~~2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the lease for space located at 124 W. Main Street, El Cajon.~~

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease for the Public Defender will have a positive impact on the community by providing opportunities for representation in traditionally underserved communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of the lease is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan and Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Public Defender. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$28,837 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 based on an estimated lease commencement date of June 1, 2023, and costs and revenue of \$346,038 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (26), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

The Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC) reviewed Recorder fees to determine whether the full cost of its services provided are recovered as required under Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 "Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery" (Board Policy B-29) and as authorized under various State statutes. Submitted for your Board's consideration is the adoption of a proposed ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Administrative Code) for fees for services provided by the Recorder. The proposed ordinance adjusts certain existing fees and repeals a fee that will no longer be charged by the Recorder. The proposed action also adjusts the distribution of the Real Estate Fraud Fee to the Recorder for administrative costs to comply with Board Policy B-29.

The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology used to determine the proposed fees to be adjusted in this proposal.

The ordinance will be introduced on May 2, 2023, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption. If the proposed ordinance is approved, the proposed changes will take effect on July 1, 2023.



located throughout San Diego County. By enhancing the representation of our unincorporated area residents, we can better ensure that SANDAG decisions will include consideration of these communities' perspectives.

**33. SUBJECT: ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (NRP) AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CE) GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors approves the allocation of grant funds to organizations located and operating throughout the County to assist them in providing important services and support to the individuals they serve. Through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP), the County provides funding for one-time community, social, environmental, educational, cultural or recreational needs. Through the Community Enhancement Program (CEP), the County allocates Transient Occupancy Tax funds to stimulate tourism, promote the economy, create jobs and improve the quality of life for San Diego residents. Unlike the distribution of funding under the County's Small Business Stimulus Grant and Microbusiness Grant programs, NRP and CEP funds must be included on a Board of Supervisors meeting agenda and brought before the Board for consideration and approval before these funds can be distributed to organizations. Under this approval process, required by Board of Supervisors Policies B-58 and B-72, the County incurs additional expenses and organizations receiving the funding experience unnecessary delays.

To streamline the current NRP and CEP grant process, we are recommending amendments to Board Policies B-58 and B-72 to provide County staff the ability to respond more effectively and efficiently to the diverse funding needs of our communities. If approved, these amendments will allow members of the Board of Supervisors to continue to receive and review funding requests and provide direction to fund the activities and projects that meet both the funding criteria and County objectives while delivering awarded funds to regional organizations in a more efficient and timely manner. Under the proposed changes, this process will more closely mirror that used to approve and award funds through the Small Business Stimulus Grant and Microbusiness Grant programs and the process used by the County of Los Angeles to award social program funds.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

~~Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with County Counsel to amend Board Policies B-58 and B-72 to authorize County staff to award Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and Community Enhancement Program funds, as recommended by members of the Board of Supervisors, without the requirement that the recommended allocations be approved by the full Board of Supervisors.~~

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended amendments to the Board of Supervisors policies will streamline the County's grant approval process, ensuring a more equitable distribution of resources by providing timely support to organizations serving various community needs. By improving the efficiency of the approval process, the County can better support initiatives that promote social, economic, and environmental equity within the community.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Enhancing the NRP and CE grant process would foster a culture of innovation and have a significant sustainability impact by streamlining decision-making and allocating resources more efficiently.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. While the initial implementation of the policy changes may require additional staff training and the establishment of new procedures, the streamlined approval process is expected to reduce costs for the County in the long run.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended policy changes are expected to have a positive impact on local businesses and organizations that apply for NRP and CE grants by expediting the approval process, allowing them to access funds more quickly. As a result, businesses and organizations can more efficiently implement their projects and initiatives, contributing to the overall economic growth and well-being of the community.

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- 34. SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 125.25 TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH THE CREATION OF A WORKPLACE JUSTICE FUND (5/23/23 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23- SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 4, 2021 (23), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to create the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) and explore the creation of a fund that would provide workers seeking justice on a workplace issue with resources and assistance.

OLSE understands the financial losses suffered by workers seeking justice, including retaliatory measures by employers. Working in collaboration with community groups representing workers and organizations representing business groups, OLSE outlined two types of workplace justice funds - the Retaliation Model and the Restitution Model - in its May 31, 2022, annual report.

Today's request is for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance creating a Workplace Justice Fund that combines the Retaliation and Restitution Models, authorize OLSE to administer the fund, place \$100,000 in the fund and direct the CAO to report back to the Board with an update. If approved, the ordinance will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On May 23, 2023:

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance:

The recommended action would approve the adoption or amendments of the Conflict of Interest codes submitted by various entities. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This board letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**37. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
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**Abiding Place Ministries, a Church v. Gavin Newsom, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District Case No. 21-cv-00518-RBM-DDL**
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
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- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
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**151 Limited Liability Company v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00010536-CU-MC-CTL**
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
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**Mickail Myles v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District Case No. 15-cv-1985-BEN-BLM**

- E.     CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Janet McNally, et al. v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court Case No.  
37-2021-00044385-CU-PO-CTL
- F.     CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of  
Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Potential Cases – 1)
- G.     CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
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# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Fourth District

JIM DESMOND  
Fifth District

**DATE:** May 23, 2023

**13**

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### SUBJECT

**GENERAL SERVICES – APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 124 W. MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

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### RECOMMENDATION(S)

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**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

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**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The East County branch of the Public Defender is located at the East County Regional Center (ECRC) at 250 E. Main Street in El Cajon. The Public Defender occupies office space on the sixth and eighth floors of the building and there are no opportunities to expand within the ECRC.

Due to population growth, demographics and changes in legislation, Public Defender has experienced an increase in case load and has added staff to accommodate this increase. Effective July 1, 2022, the Public Defender added 90 staff. The existing East County office is currently occupied by both the Primary Public Defender (PPD) and Alternate Public Defender (APD) divisions and cannot accommodate additional staff. Given the sensitive nature of the work and the need to be accessible to the public, teleworking is not a viable option for most staff, and additional office space is needed.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a new lease agreement for 10,486 square feet of office space located at 124 W. Main in El Cajon. The space is located within close proximity to East County Superior Court. The rental rate is within fair market value for a full-service lease in east county. If approved, the new leased premises will be occupied by the East

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County APD and the Holistic Services unit, which includes substance abuse assessors, housing navigators, and licensed mental health clinicians. Relocating these staff to 124 W. Main will allow other existing branch locations to accommodate its share of the newly added positions. Details of the proposed lease are as follows:

LEASE PROVISION	PROPOSED LEASE
LESSOR	Priest Development Corporation
PREMISES	10,486 square feet located at 124 W. Main Street, El Cajon
TERM	5 years
OPTIONS TO EXTEND TERM	Two five-year options to extend
RENT ADJUSTMENTS	3% annual adjustment
EARLY TERMINATION	None
UTILITIES	Lessor pays
MAINTENANCE	Lessor pays
CUSTODIAL	Lessor pays
MONTHLY OCCUPANCY COST	
	Rent \$28,837 (\$2.75/SF)
	Utilities \$ 0
	Custodial \$ 0
	Maintenance \$ 0
	Parking \$ 0
TOTAL OCCUPANCY COST PER MONTH	\$28,837 (\$2.75/SF)

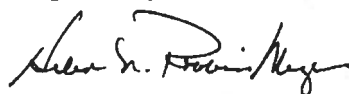
**ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

The proposed lease amendment is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it involves the lease of an existing building with minor interior alterations, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today's proposed action to approve the lease for the Public Defender supports the Justice initiative in the County of San Diego's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan by providing inclusive opportunities for justice involved individuals.

Respectfully submitted,



HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

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THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 124 W. MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, AND  
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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Attachment A: Notice of Exemption





# **JOEL ANDERSON**

**SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE: May 23, 2023**

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**TO: Board of Supervisors**

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**OVERVIEW**

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To streamline the current NRP and CEP grant process, we are recommending amendments to Board Policies B-58 and B-72 to provide County staff the ability to respond more effectively and efficiently to the diverse funding needs of our communities. If approved, these amendments will allow members of the Board of Supervisors to continue to receive and review funding requests and provide direction to fund the activities and projects that meet both the funding criteria and County objectives while delivering awarded funds to regional organizations in a more efficient and timely manner. Under the proposed changes, this process will more closely mirror that used to approve and award funds through the Small Business Stimulus Grant and Microbusiness Grant programs and the process used by the County of Los Angeles to award social program funds.

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**RECOMMENDATION  
SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON:**

~~Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with County Counsel to amend Board Policies B-58 and B-72 to authorize County staff to award Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and Community Enhancement Program funds, as recommended by members of the Board of Supervisors, without the requirement that the recommended allocations be approved by the full Board of Supervisors.—~~

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended amendments to the Board of Supervisors policies will streamline the County's grant approval process, ensuring a more equitable distribution of resources by providing timely support to organizations serving various community needs. By improving the efficiency of the approval process, the County can better support initiatives that promote social, economic, and environmental equity within the community.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Enhancing the NRP and CE grant process would foster a culture of innovation and have a significant sustainability impact by streamlining decision-making and allocating resources more efficiently.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. While the initial implementation of the policy changes may require additional staff training and the establishment of new procedures, the streamlined approval process is expected to reduce costs for the County in the long run.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended policy changes are expected to have a positive impact on local businesses and organizations that apply for NRP and CE grants by expediting the approval process, allowing them to access funds more quickly. As a result, businesses and organizations can more efficiently implement their projects and initiatives, contributing to the overall economic growth and well-being of the community.

**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR JOEL  
ANDERSON**

**BACKGROUND**

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improve the quality of life for San Diego residents. Unlike the distribution of funding under the County's Small Business Stimulus Grant and Microbusiness Grant programs, NRP and CEP funds must be included on a Board of Supervisors meeting agenda and brought before the Board for consideration and approval before these funds can be distributed to organizations. Under this approval process, required by Board of Supervisors Policies B-58 and B-72, the County incurs additional expenses and organizations receiving the funding experience unnecessary delays.

The current approval process not only consumes a significant amount of staff and Board time but ~~also creates delays in the distribution of funds to the organizations and initiatives that depend on them.~~ The inefficiencies in the existing approval process can hinder the overall impact and effectiveness of the grant programs, limiting their potential to address the community's needs in a timely manner.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors employs a grant program similar to the NRP and CEP grants, called Social Program Agreements (SPA). SPAs provide funds to County departments, public and private agencies, and individuals to meet community and social needs. The process allows Board offices to conduct their own internal review process and grant approval of funds. The proposed grants are then routed through several County offices, including the Chief Executive Office, for final approval. This process also includes quarterly disclosures of SPA fund expenditures, which are available to the public via the County's website, ensuring transparency.

By delegating the approval process to County staff, the County can eliminate the need for the full Board to vote on the funding recommendations of each Board office, streamlining operations and allowing the Board to focus more on important policy and oversight matters. County staff, who possess expertise in evaluating grant applications and assessing project feasibility, are well positioned to ensure the timely review and distribution of grants to qualified organizations. The recommended policy changes are expected to enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the NRP and CE grant programs, providing more immediate support to local organizations and benefiting the community as a whole.

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, emphasizing the importance of efficient and effective service delivery. By streamlining the grant approval process for Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grants and Community Enhancement grants, this proposal supports operational excellence and continuous improvement in the County's

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service delivery, creating a more effective allocation of resources and quicker responses to community needs, ultimately contributing to the safety, health, and well-being of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOEL ANDERSON  
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENTS:  
Board Policy B-58 and B-72



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** May 23, 2023

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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### OVERVIEW

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Abiding Place Ministries, a Church v. Gavin Newsom, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District Case No. 21-cv-00518-RBM-DDL
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
David Blackburn, et al. v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00018510-CU-EI-CTL
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
151 Limited Liability Company v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00010536-CU-MC-CTL
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Mickail Myles v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District Case No. 15-cv-1985-BEN-BLM
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Janet McNally, et al. v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00044385-CU-PO-CTL
- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Potential Cases – 1)

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- G. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
The Protect Our Communities Foundation v. County of San Diego; San Diego,  
Superior Court Case No 37-2023-00008265-CU-TT-CTL

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
At the direction of the Board.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**  
N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**  
N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**  
N/A

**BACKGROUND**  
N/A

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**  
N/A

Respectfully submitted,

**Silva,  
Claudia**

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**CLAUDIA G. SILVA**  
County Counsel

**ATTACHMENT(S)**  
N/A

**County of San Diego Board of Supervisors  
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**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:**  
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**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PROJECT UNDER CEQA:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**  
N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**  
N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**  
N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** County Counsel

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):** N/A

**INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED:** YES ☒ NO ☐ **Silva, Claudia** Digitally signed by Silva, Claudia  
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