



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
For Agenda Of: November 10, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni 568-2950
Contact Info: Anne Rierson 568-2950
SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract - Churchwell White LLP

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

Risk Management

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Churchwell White LLP, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 and a term ending April 30, 2022, for independent legal counsel to the County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text: The County has a need to engage independent outside legal counsel for the County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission. This Agreement is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 with a term ending April 30, 2022. The attorney responsible for performing the legal services is Steve Churchwell, who has experience with elections and redistricting matters, and for seven years was the General Counsel for the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Key Contract Risks: None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The agreement is not-to-exceed \$100,000. The budgeting for the contract amount will be covered by a budget revision increasing appropriations in the amount of \$200,000 for redistricting implementation, also to be presented for approval at the November 10, 2020 meeting.

Special Instructions: Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel and a signed copy to Assistant County Executive Officer Nancy Anderson.

Attachments:

A) Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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