



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Department Name:** County Counsel  
**Department No.:** 013  
**For Agenda Of:** May 14, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel  
Director  
Contact Info: Michelle Montez, Division Chief  
(805) 568- 2950

**SUBJECT:** **Third Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Outside Counsel, Oppenheimer Investigations Group LLP**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Oppenheimer Investigations Group LLP to extend the agreement through December 31, 2024, increase the maximum contract amount from \$100,000 to \$150,000, update the Statement of Work, and add additional attorney investigators; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because it consists of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text and Background**

Under the direction of County Counsel, the County engaged outside counsel, Oppenheimer Investigations Group LLP, to conduct independent, impartial, and objective employee investigations as needed. This third amendment to the agreement will extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2024 to allow the completion of investigations. The Third Amendment will extend the agreement through December 31, 2024, increase the maximum contract amount to \$150,000, update the Statement of Work, and add additional attorney investigators.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Special Instructions:** Please forward a signed copy to Michelle Montez, Division Chief.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Third Amended Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Attachment B: Agreement for Professional Legal Services with First and Second Amendments

**Authored by:** Michelle Montez, Division Chief