



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
For Agenda Of: August 2, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Dennis A. Marshall,
County Counsel

Contact Info: Stephen D. Underwood, 568-2950
Chief Assistant County Counsel

SUBJECT: Contract with Outside Counsel for Pending Litigation – Arredondo v. County of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case Nos. 1370977 (consolidated w/1379713)

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

Yes

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and the David Lawrence, of Lawrence, Beach, Allen & Choi.

Summary Text:

The County has been served with a lawsuit in the matter of Arredondo v. County of Santa Barbara, Superior Court Case Nos. 1370977 (consolidated w/1379713). County Counsel wishes to associate with attorney David Lawrence of Lawrence, Beach, Allen & Choi in the defense of the litigation. County Counsel and Mr. Lawrence's firm will work together in the defense of this litigation. Mr. Lawrence and his firm have previously represented the County in litigation and regularly represent the County of Los Angeles and other Southern California public entities. He and his firm bring additional special expertise to assist in the defense of this matter.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis: The contract has a cap of \$250,000.00. The cost will be funded by the Risk Management Liability Fund. (Fund 1912) The Liability Fund is used to pay claims, settlements, and cost of litigation, including outside counsel, when necessary, for civil liability cases.

Staffing Impacts:

Contracting with outside counsel will allow the County to obtain the specialized legal services needed in this matter without hiring additional staff attorneys.

Attachments:

Legal Services Agreement

Authored by:

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