

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 3/9/06
Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: 3/21/06
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 15 Minutes on 3/28/06
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Executive Officer

STAFF CONTACT: Jim Laponis, Deputy County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: District Attorney and Public Defender Additional Staffing

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors set a 15 minute hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 to consider the following recommendation:

- a) Adopt a Personnel Resolution effective March 27, 2006, adding two (2.0 Pos.) Deputy District Attorneys I/II/III/IV/SR (Classes 2250-2254), Ranges 6032-7132 (\$4,914-\$10,384 per month), to the District Attorney department, and adding one (1.0 Pos.) Deputy Public Defenders I/II/III/IV/SR (Classes 2300-2304), Ranges 6032-7132 (\$4,914-\$10,384 per month), to the Public Defender department.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 3. A Strong, Professionally Managed County Organization.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Felony case filings have increased 17% from FY 03-04 to FY 04-05 to over 2,800 and are estimated to be over 3,000 (+20%) by the end of 2005-06. The attached chart shows the growth in felony filings over the last five years. They include serious crimes of violence with critically injured victims, multi-defendant gang cases, elder abuse and domestic violence offenses. This caseload growth affects both the District Attorney (DA) and the Public Defender (PD) departments staffing needs. The CEO intended to recommend additional DA & PD attorneys positions during the FY 06-07 budget process but the workload became such that the situation needed to be addressed more timely.

The PD recently lost one contract attorney position who was appearing on behalf of minors in the Santa Maria Juvenile Court and a second extra help position in Lompoc Superior Court will end this month due to civil service time constraints on the position. Further both the DA and PD staff are contending with new court calendars in Santa Barbara.

As a result, the County Executive Office (CEO) has reviewed both the DA and PD workload statistics and staffing requests and is consequently recommending that each the District Attorney and Public Defender be authorized to fill three attorney positions (total of six).

Currently the DA has one unfunded position related to a previously closed program; therefore, the attached salary resolution adds two new attorney positions. Currently the PD has two unfunded positions that were added during the 2005-06 Budget Hearings; therefore, the salary resolution adds one new attorney position. The following chart illustrates the CEO recommended additions.

Attorneys	Current Funded Positions	Current Unfunded Positions	Recommended Additions	Total Recommended Positions
District Attorney	44	1	2	47
Public Defender	30	2	1	33

Mandates and Service Levels:

The recommendations support the respective DA and PD prosecutorial/defense mandates and service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

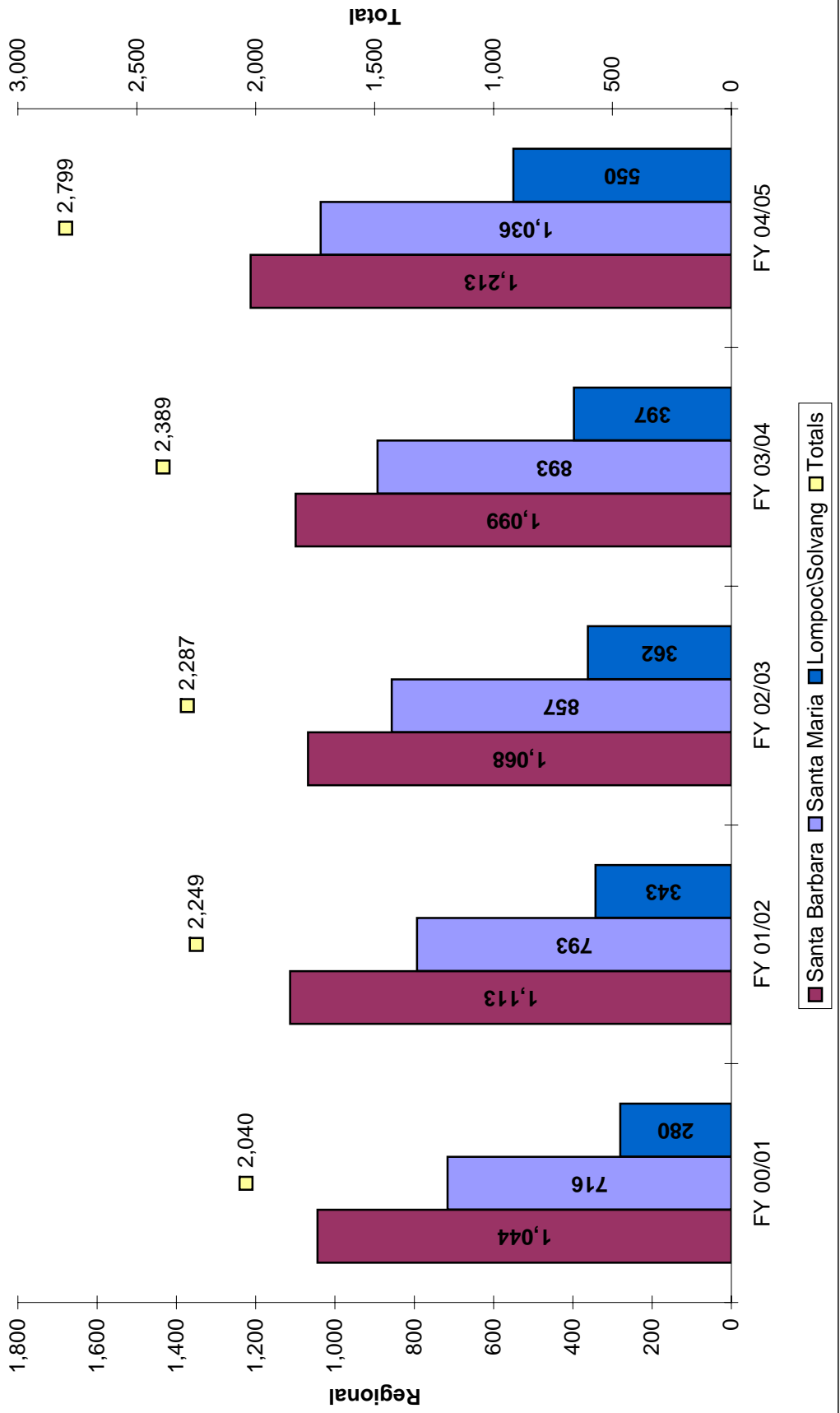
Three Deputy District Attorney positions are estimated to cost up to \$80,000 (depending on hiring level and timing) for the balance of FY 05-06. The 2005-06 DA salaries and employee benefits budget will be monitored accordingly through year end and any needed additional funds will be recommended at that time. In addition, \$15,000 is required in start-up expenses (e.g. chairs, desks, computers, etc) needed to house new attorneys in existing offices. The full annualized cost of \$320,000 will be included in the County Executive Officer’s FY 2006-07 recommended budget for a total of \$335,000.

Three Deputy Public Defenders are estimated to cost up to \$80,000 (depending on hiring level and timing) for the balance of FY 05-06. The 2005-06 PD salaries and employee benefits budget will be monitored accordingly through year end and any needed additional funds will be recommended at that time. In addition, \$15,000 is required in start-up expenses (e.g. chairs, desks, computers, etc) needed to house new attorneys in existing offices. The full annualized cost of \$320,000 has been included in the County Executive’s FY 2006-07 recommended budget for a total of \$335,000.

Concurrence:

District Attorney as to DA attorney positions
 Public Defender as to PD attorney positions

FELONY FILINGS 2000 - 2005 by Fiscal Years



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING RESOLUTION)
NO. 05-196, AS AMENDED, BEING THE SALARY)
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Salary Resolution No. 05-196 established a Classification Plan, and authorized Departmental Position Allocation effective July 4, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors finds that there is good cause for amending said Resolution No. 05-196, as amended, in the manner provided in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

1. Resolution No. 05-196, adopted by this Board on July 5, 2005, is hereby amended by amending that (those) portion(s) of Section(s) 4 to read as follows effective March 27, 2006:

SECTION 4. Departmental Position Allocation

<u>DEPARTMENT/BUDGET UNIT</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>P/T</u>	<u>TOTAL NO. POS.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BARG UNIT</u>
<u>DISTRICT ATTORNEY (#2865)</u>					
Add 2 new	2250		47	DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY I	17 OR
	2251			DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY II	17 OR
	2252			DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY III	17 OR
	2253			DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY IV	17 OR
	2254			DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY SR	17
<u>PUBLIC DEFENDER (#2875)</u>					
Add 1 new	2300		33	DEP PUBLIC DEFENDER I	43 OR
	2301			DEP PUBLIC DEFENDER II	43 OR
	2302			DEP PUBLIC DEFENDER III	43 OR
	2303			DEP PUBLIC DEFENDER IV	43 OR
	2304			DEP PUBLIC DEFENDER SR	43

2. Except as amended by this Resolution, Resolution No. 05-196 as amended, continues unchanged as in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE STARK
COUNTY COUNSEL
NOVEMBER 1993
3/28/06

By: _____ (SEAL)
Deputy Clerk