



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: 02/21/2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5^{ths}

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Dennis A Marshall
Director(s) County Counsel
Contact Info: Dennis A Marshall, County Counsel 568-2966

SUBJECT: **Amendment to Contract with Outside Counsel for Pending Litigation**
***Jose Arredondo, et al. v. County of Santa Barbara, et al.* Superior Court Case No. 1370997 (consolidated with case no. 1379713)**

County Counsel Concurrence

Yes.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes.

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

Yes.

Recommended Actions:

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Amendment to a Contract with Outside Counsel for Professional Legal Services between the County of Santa Barbara and Lawrence, Beach, Allen & Choi (not a local vendor) for pending litigation related to Jose Arredondo, et al v. County of Santa Barbara, et al, Superior Court Case No. 1370997 (consolidated with Case No. 1379713), increasing maximum payments from \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00.

Summary Text: The County is a defendant in a lawsuit entitled *Jose Arredondo, et al. v. The County of Santa Barbara, et al.*, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1370997. In August 2011, the County retained the law firm of Lawrence, Beach, Allen & Choi to defend the suit pursuant to the attached Agreement. The litigation has not been resolved and the County's defense is expected to require considerable additional legal work. Having the Lawrence firm perform the next segment of that work requires increasing the Agreement's payment limit from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Narrative: The costs will be funded by the Risk Management Liability fund.

Special Instructions:

Copy of signed minute order to:
Dennis Marshall, County Counsel

Attachments:

- (1) Current Agreement for Professional legal Services
- (2) Proposed Addendum to Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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