



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 12, 2026

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY COUNSEL

File Reference No. 26-00413

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a contingent-fee Contract with the Law Firm Baron and Budd for Litigation Services in an action to be filed by the County against certain social media companies, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contingent-fee Professional Services Contract with the Law Firm of Baron and Budd and their associate outside counsel, for the preparation and handling of litigation to be filed by Santa Barbara County, against certain social media companies, to obtain abatement of the public nuisance created by these companies; 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.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) **Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and**

b) **Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino