



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: April 2, 2019
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 5 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel: Michael C. Ghizzoni (805) 568-2950
Contact Info: Rachel Van Mullem, Chief Assistant County Counsel (805) 568-2950
SUBJECT: **Extra Help Services and Retirement Waiver for the Office of County Counsel**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

CEO, Human Resources:

Approved: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) In accordance with California Government Code Section 7522.56(f)(1), certify that the appointment of retired County employee Toni Lorien is necessary to fill a short-term critical need in the Office of County Counsel for approximately three to six months before 180 days have passed from her date of retirement.
- b) Approve and authorize the Office of County Counsel to appoint retired employee, Toni Lorien, as an Extra Help employee to provide assistance with specialized legal services on a part time basis not to exceed 960 hours of annual service.
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational and administrative activities of government that are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

Toni Lorien has been with the Office of County Counsel for almost 29 years and has served as Senior Deputy for over 5 years. In early March, Ms. Lorien submitted her letter of intent to retire and her last day in pay status will be Thursday, March 28, 2019. Ms. Lorien has represented the County in numerous child welfare services cases involving abused and neglected children. The Office of County Counsel requires Ms. Lorien's continued legal services in representing child welfare services cases. Ms. Lorien is necessary to fill a critical need in County Counsel's Office for approximately three to six months while we conduct a recruitment to fill the position.

Fiscal Impacts:

It is anticipated that Ms. Lorien will be provide legal services up to 960 hours at her current salary rate which does not exceed the maximum authorized in County's salary tables for Senior Deputy County Counsel in accordance with California Government Code section 7522.56(d). This position will be funded primarily by revenues from the Department of Social Services, and not from the general fund.

Authored by:

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