



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: County Counsel
Department No.: 013
For Agenda Of: October 15, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel Rachel Van Mullem, County Counsel (805) 568-2950
Contact Info: Michelle Montez, Division Chief (805) 568-2950

SUBJECT: **First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Quarles & Brady, LLP**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Legal Services with and Quarles & Brady, LLP extending the term to June 30, 2025 and increasing the amount not to exceed to \$40,000; 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 and fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors, under the provisions of Section 31000 of the California Government Code, is empowered to contract for special legal services and expert witnesses. Due to the specialized nature of the advice required, County Counsel recommends the assistance of attorney Corrie Klekowski, an attorney with Quarles & Brady, LLP who specializes in employment law. Ms. Klekowski has extensive experience and expertise in this specialized area of practice. The First Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services will extend the term to June 30, 2025 and increase the not exceed amount to \$40,000.00 over a two-year term.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the Office of County Counsel. Please email nguerrero@countyofsb.org when available for pick up

Attachments:

1. First Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services
2. Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Authored by:

Michelle Montez, Division Chief