



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: District Attorney
Department No.: 021
For Agenda Of: June 23, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Joyce Dudley, District Attorney, 568-2308
Contact Info: Kerry Bierman, DA Director of Administration, 568-2304

SUBJECT: Contract for Deputy District Attorney in the Automobile Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Human Resources, Risk Management

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Professional Services Contract with James Daloisio as Deputy District Attorney for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Protection Program for the period June 23, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$79,000; and
- b) Determine that the above action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), because it consists of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The Automobile Insurance Fraud program is designed to prosecute automobile insurance fraud cases which are investigated by various law enforcement agencies.

Background:

False insurance claims are a serious problem across the United States. The latest data from the California Department of Insurance indicates that automobile insurance fraud is on the rise in Santa Barbara County. There is a direct correlation between automobile insurance fraud and increases in

insurance premiums throughout the industry. These factors led the Santa Barbara County District Attorney to develop the Automobile Insurance Fraud program, which brings together local businesses, the California Department of Insurance, and the District Attorney to tackle Automobile Insurance Fraud in Santa Barbara County.

The Automobile Insurance Fraud program is financed through fees assessed by the State Insurance Commissioner as part of the automobile insurance rates. The long term goal of this initiative is to reduce automobile insurance fraud in Santa Barbara County through crime prevention and deterrence, to be accomplished through a combination of community education and criminal prosecution of fraud cases.

This is the second year of the program. Already the Automobile Insurance Fraud unit has filed seven felony complaints and one misdemeanor complaint and currently has twelve investigations in process.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 79,000.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 79,000.00	\$ -

One full-time Deputy District Attorney (Contractor on Payroll) will report to a lead, part-time Deputy District Attorney. Their efforts will be countywide. The Deputy District Attorney Contract position is fully funded by the Department of Insurance.

Key Contract Risks:

FY 15-16 is the second award on Automobile Insurance Fraud Protection from the Department of Insurance. There is minimal risk to the County.

Staffing Impacts:

1 Contractor on Payroll

Special Instructions: Please return 1 fully executed copy of the contract to Jo Ann Slattery, DA Business Manager

Attachments: Contract between County of Santa Barbara and James Daloisio

Authored by: Jo Ann Slattery, DA Business Manager

cc: Human Resources