



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: August 23, 2016  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni 568-2950  
Contact Info: Anne Rierson 568-2950  
**SUBJECT:** Outside Counsel Contract - Snow Spence Green, LLP

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Snow Spence Green, LLP for a term from August 15, 2016 to August 14, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:** From time to time, the County has a need to engage outside counsel to assist the County and its elected officials with bankruptcy matters in Texas. This contract with Snow Spence Green LLP is not to exceed \$25,000. The attorney primarily responsible for performing the bankruptcy legal services is Ross Spence, who was highly recommended by local bankruptcy counsel.

**Key Contract Risks:** None

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Budgeted – Outside Counsel Designation

**Special Instructions:** Please forward a signed copy to County Counsel.

**Attachments:** 1) Agreement for Professional Legal Services 2) Board Contract Summary

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