



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Counsel/CEO
Department No.: 013/012
For Agenda Of: April 16, 2013
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara as Successor Agency to the former Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency

FROM: Dennis Marshall, County Counsel (x2950)
Renée Bahl, Assistant County Executive Officer (x3400)

Contact Info: Michael Ghizzoni, Chief Assistant County Counsel (x2950)

SUBJECT: Agreement for Professional Legal Services - David L. Allen, Attorney at Law

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

Recommended Actions:

As the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara as Successor Agency to the former Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with David L. Allen, Attorney at Law, from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Summary Text:

The County is the Successor Agency to the former Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency. The Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency needs legal support during their meetings. Mr. David L. Allen has been providing legal support to the Oversight Board for the past year through a contract with the County. It is recommended that Mr. Allen continue to provide independent legal support to the Oversight Board so that the County of Santa Barbara's Office of County Counsel may avoid any question of a conflict of interest with its legal support of the County of Santa Barbara concerning the same matters.

Cal. Health and Safety Code Section 34179(c) states that the successor agency shall pay for all of the costs of meetings of the oversight board. Section 34179(n) provides that an oversight board may direct a successor agency to provide additional legal or financial advice than what was given by agency staff.

The Agreement for Professional Legal Services provides that Mr. Allen shall ensure that information relating to his legal support of the Oversight Board is protected as required by Business and Professions Code Section 6068(e); this includes his preserving the confidentiality of that information from the Office of County Counsel.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The contract will be funded from available appropriations in the RDA Successor Agency Operations fund (3120).

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the signed Agreement to Renée Bahl, Assistant County Executive Officer. Please forward a signed original of the Agreement to Anne Rierson, Deputy County Counsel.

Attachments:

Agreement for Professional Legal Services

Authored by:

Anne Rierson, Deputy County Counsel