



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Defender
Department No.: 023
For Agenda Of: May 2, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 5 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Public Defender Tracy M. Macuga (805) 568-3494
Contact Info: Giovanni Giordani Chief Deputy Public Defender (805) 568-3497
SUBJECT: Extra Help Services and Retirement Waiver for the Office of Public Defender

County Counsel Concurrence

Approved: 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 Robert Ikola is necessary to fill a critical need in the Office of Public Defender before 180 days have passed from his date of retirement.
- b) Approve and authorize the Office of Public Defender to appoint retired employee, Robert Ikola, as an Extra Help employee to provide client representation, training and supervision duties 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:

Robert Ikola was with the Office of the Public Defender for over 28 years and has served as Senior/Chief Deputy for over 11 years. In March of 2017, Mr. Ikola submitted his letter of intent to retire and his last day in paid status was March 30, 2017. At the time he retired, Mr. Ikola was representing 100 or more County Public Defender clients in cases presenting complex legal issues. He was also the supervising attorney responsible for attorney training and day to day operations. The Office of the Public Defender requires Mr. Ikola's continued legal services representing the previously mentioned clients and the training of his replacement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

It is anticipated Mr. Ikola will provide legal services up to 960 hours at a rate below the maximum authorized in County's salary tables for Senior Deputy Public Defender in accordance with California Government Code section 7522.56(d). This position will be funded by existing departmental funding as the position he vacated will remain unfilled until he has completed his duties as an Extra Help Attorney.

Authored by:

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