

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240

Department Name: County Counsel

Department No.: 013

For Agenda Of: September 15, 2020
Placement: Administrative

Estimated Tme:

Continued Item: N_0

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel Michael C. Ghizzoni 568-2950

Contact Info: Anne Rierson 568-2950

SUBJECT: Outside Counsel Contract - Rimôn, P.C.

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

Risk Management

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Legal Services with Rimôn, P.C., with a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 and a term ending September 14, 2022; 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. This Agreement is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 with a term ending September 14, 2022. The attorney primarily responsible for performing the bankruptcy legal services is Jacquelyn Choi.

Key Contract Risks: None

<u>Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:</u> Budgeted – Funding will come from the use of the Litigation fund balance component of the General Fund.

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

Attachments: A) Agreement for Professional Legal Services

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