



## Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Community Solutions Incorporated (CSI) for Valuing Voices Research Project; as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with CSI, to conduct the Valuing Voices research project, through which community feedback will be gathered to identify key insights regarding the criminal justice system in Santa Barbara County, and to provide a comprehensive report that presents the findings of the Valuing Voices research project, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$282,459.00 for the period beginning May 1, 2024 upon completion, but no later than June 30, 2026;
- b) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve subsequent immaterial changes to the agreement including authorizing additional services, amending program staffing requirements, amending service locations, and adding program goals, outcomes, and measures and reallocation of funds between funding sources. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve line-item budget changes to Attachment B-1 of the Agreement in an amount not to exceed 10% of the stated line-item budgeted amounts for each service. Immaterial changes can be made as long as the total contract amount of the agreement is not increased, and subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time, and provided that in no event shall any such amendment extend the term of the agreement; and
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that these activities are covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.