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SUBJECT: **Proposition A Contract Analyses – Agenda Items # 19 and 60**

Items # 19 and 60 on your Board's Agenda for Tuesday, December 18, 2001 are requests by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to approve two Proposition A contracts.

Item # 19 is a DCFS contract for drug/alcohol testing. As indicated in DCFS' Board letter, the Department's cost analysis is based on comparing the contract cost, where the selected vendor will sub-contract out for sample collection, to the estimated County cost, which includes the cost for the County to rent and staff 17 collection sites. Using this comparison, the contract is cost-effective. As noted in the Board letter, there may be other service delivery models which could result in reduced County cost.

Item # 60 is a DPW contract for graffiti removal at County Flood Control facilities. We have reviewed and approved the cost analysis prepared by DPW, which indicates that the agreement is cost-effective.

The contracts are living wage compliant. The contracts do not include Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) provisions. The contractors will be paid the same amounts for the contract terms.

Please call me if you have any questions, or have your staff contact DeWitt Roberts at (213) 974-0301.

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