

July 23, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**REVIEW OF 2002-03 CORONER BUDGET (ITEM NO. 34 OF 07/23/02 AGENDA)**

This is in response to Supervisor Antonovich's motion instructing the CAO to review the Coroner's 2002-03 Departmental budget, and report back to the Board with recommendations regarding the Coroner's unmet needs by July 23, 2002.

My staff has reviewed and worked closely with the Coroner's staff on their 2002-03 budget and their unmet needs budget request (Attachment I). During Budget Deliberations, the Coroner received \$74,000 of their unmet needs request for their embalming contract. The balance of their unmet needs request is approximately \$448,000 and although some of these additional items merit funding consideration, we cannot recommend any additional funding at this time due to the uncertainty of the State budget impact.

In addition, the Coroner is currently in the process of implementing their E-Commerce, "Skeletons in the Closet" project and in the next few months will have a better idea of what positions and funding issues will be required. Therefore, you may wish to revisit this issue in September for future funding consideration.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please let me know, or your staff may contact Ernie Miyamoto at (213) 974-1178.

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Attachment

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