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July 26, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO SIGN AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT NUMBER 7 TO
THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES COUNCIL
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to execute the enclosed Amendment Number 7 to County Agreement Number 72426 with the Los Angeles Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC). The term of the original Agreement is September 14, 1999 through June 30, 2000, automatically renewing July 1st of every year without further action, except with respect to the County's appropriation for In-Home Supportive Service (IHSS) providers' wages. Specifically, the amendment is needed to:

- ▶ Increase the contract's Maximum Contract Amount for administrative costs to \$2,920,000. This amount represents an increase of \$420,000 to the original \$2,500,000 appropriated to fund the PASC's administrative costs. The additional funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Adopted Budget for DPSS and represents no additional net County cost (NCC), as a result of the IHSS Plus Waiver savings.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This Amendment is a result of your Board's motion to continue this item for further discussion onto the July 26, 2005 agenda. The purpose of this Board letter is to provide an increase to fund PASC's administrative costs. PASC has experienced increases in its administrative costs over the last two fiscal years. The recommended actions will increase the PASC's administration allocation as appropriated in the FY 2005-2006's Adopted Budget for DPSS by \$420,000. The additional funding for the PASC's administrative costs is a result of savings from the IHSS Plus Waiver. With the additional federal revenue generated from implementation of the Waiver, the appropriation increase results in no increase to net County cost from the previous fiscal year.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Organizational Effectiveness, and Goal 4, Fiscal Responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Amendment Number 7 increases the maximum contract amount for administrative costs to \$2,920,000, an increase of \$420,000. The funding is included in the FY 2005-06 Adopted Budget for DPSS.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County entered into Agreement 72426 establishing the PASC as the employer of record for IHSS providers on September 14, 1999. Amendment Number 1, entered into on October 24, 2000, recognized additional appropriation for an IHSS provider wage increase. On January 8, 2002, Amendment Number 2 was approved, initiating the Health Care Plan and Amendment Number 3 recognizing a second IHSS provider wage increase was entered into on November 20, 2002. On June 22, 2004, Amendment Number 4 was approved to add general contract provisions and change the PASC's reimbursement methods as well as increase funding for their administrative costs associated with the Health Plan. On October 28, 2004, Amendment Number 5 was approved to increase the IHSS providers' hourly wages from \$7.50 to the current \$8.10. Amendment Number 6, approved on June 28, 2005, maintains IHSS providers' hourly wage at \$8.10 while preserving the County's options to prospectively consider the effects of the State budget with regard to IHSS provider wages and benefits. Approval of Amendment 7 will allow for an increase to the PASC's general administrative costs.

Amendment Number 7 has been approved as to form by the Chief Administrative Office and County Counsel.

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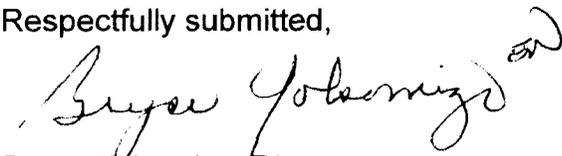
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on services as a result of this action.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter to DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryce Yokomizo" with a small "en" written above the end of the signature.

Bryce Yokomizo, Director

Enclosure (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Personal Assistance Services Council