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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:

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH SPECIAL COUNSEL
MERRICK J. BOBB
(All Districts) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and direct the Chairman to sign the enclosed amendment to Contract No. 74746, for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

On May 11, 2004 your Board requested Special Counsel Merrick J. Bobb to conduct a special investigation into the April 20, 2004 death of an inmate who was a prosecution witness. Mr. Bobb has informed us that in order to adequately conduct this investigation he requires the services of a subject matter expert in the area of corrections.

The existing contract with Special Counsel does not provide for the retention of experts or for their compensation in the amount requested by Mr. Bobb.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This Amendment will allow Special Counsel to expend up to $10,000 for expert consultation on this investigation.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that your Board approve and direct the Chairman to sign the enclosed amendment to Contract No. 74746.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By GORDON W. TRASK
Principal Deputy County Counsel
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APPROVED AND RELEASED:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
Chief Deputy County Counsel

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Enclosure

c: Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

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Chief Administrative Officer

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

Merrick J. Bobb
Special Counsel

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT 74746

This Amendment No. 1 to Contract 74746 is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Section 2(a) is amended to read as follows:

2(a) Annual Expenses. Special Counsel shall be reimbursed as set forth below in an amount not to exceed $200,000 for services performed and expenses incurred by Special Counsel or others on his behalf, for general reports on the Sheriff's Department, and an additional $25,000 for conducting a special investigation. For the special investigation authorized by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on May 11, 2004 concerning the death of an inmate on April 20, 2004, Special Counsel is authorized an additional sum not to exceed $10,000 to retain experts.

All other provisions of contract No. 74746 remain in effect.

WHEREFORE IT IS SO AGREED.

Dated: July 19, 2004

Merrick J. Bobb

Merrick J. Bobb
Special Counsel

Dated: July 19, 2004

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
Chief Deputy County Counsel

By _____
Gordon W. Trask
Principal Deputy County Counsel