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On October 26, 2004, the Chief Administrative Officer issued a directive to all Department Heads to begin the implementation of the new County seal which is estimated to cost the county approximately \$700,000.

When the ACLU sent their threatening letter, one of the reasons the majority on this Board quickly voted to remove the cross was to avoid the potential costs of litigation. Rushing the implementation of the new County seal with a signature-gathering campaign underway, which could potentially result in the reversal of the implementation, mirrors the previous fiscal concerns. As of October 27, approximately 25,000 signatures have been gathered in less than 3 weeks, and the parties who are actively engaged in this campaign are confident in their efforts to obtain the requisite number of signatures by the March 1st deadline.

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ANTONOVICH	_____
KNABE	_____

The subject seal has been the official seal of the County for almost 50 years. Delaying the implementation of the new seal for 5 months in the interest of preventing potential waste of taxpayers' money will not be detrimental to the County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors delay the implementation of the new County seal until after March 1st in the interest of preventing potential waste of taxpayers' money should the signature-gatherers succeed in their efforts to qualify their initiative to keep the current County seal for the ballot.

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County Seal – CAO directive to dept. heads