



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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District Attorney
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

At its meeting held November 30, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following items were called up for consideration:

Report by the Chief Administrative Officer, as detailed in the attached memorandum dated November 29, 2004, on how to fund at least 45 new prosecutors within the District Attorney's Office; and

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Knabe to direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller to transfer \$2.5 million from the Provisional Financing Uses Budget to the District Attorney's budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05; and that \$5 million be included in the District Attorney's budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06 to cover the annualized cost.

Steve Cooley, District Attorney answered questions posed by the Board.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"The Chief Administrative Officer is recommending allocating \$5 million per year to the District Attorney. One million dollars of these funds would be allocated for a Code Enforcement Section within the District Attorney's Office. The effectiveness of the new Code Enforcement Section, as well as the new efforts by County Counsel to pursue civil remedies for code enforcement violations, should be tracked.

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“I therefore recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the District Attorney and County Counsel, provide a biannual report to the Board on the effectiveness of the new Code Enforcement Section within the District Attorney’s Office and efforts by County Counsel to pursue civil remedies for code enforcement violations. The report should include, but not be limited to, the number of cases handled by County Counsel and the results, the number of office cases referred to the District Attorney, the number of prosecutions, and the results of those cases, whether ended through prosecution or by other means, and the status of the working relationship between County Counsel and the District Attorney and the efforts by the District Attorney to train County departments in this area.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller to transfer \$2.5 million from the Provisional Financing Uses Budget to the District Attorney’s budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05;
2. Directed that \$5 million be included in the District Attorney’s budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06 to cover the annualized cost; and
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the District Attorney and County Counsel, to provide a biannual report to the Board on the effectiveness of the new Code Enforcement Section within the District Attorney’s Office and efforts by County Counsel to pursue civil remedies for code enforcement violations, with the report to include, but not be limited to, the number of cases handled by County Counsel and the results, the number of office cases referred to the District Attorney, the number of prosecutions, and the results of those cases, whether ended through prosecution or by other means, and the status of the working relationship between County Counsel and the District Attorney and the efforts by the District Attorney to train County departments in this area.

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