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**Drug Alcohol Testing Services**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) directly oversees the safety and welfare of children and youth who have been abused or neglected and are under DCFS' Supervision. DCFS has a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (Program), which is one of several tools used for evaluating the safety of children under the County's supervision. The Juvenile Court routinely orders drug and alcohol testing to parents and primary caregivers in its dependency cases when there is evidence of drug or alcohol use. The Program can be part of an overall case plan that is used to assess the safety of children in the home of their parent or primary caregiver.

DCFS has been contracting with Pacific Toxicology Laboratories Inc. (Pacific Toxicology) for Urine Sample Collection for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services since 2006. The current Urine Sample Collection for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services contract number 20-0033 with Pacific Toxicology is effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and was extended effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The contract provides for the provision of urine sample collection sites throughout the County with locations in all eight Service Planning Areas.

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Since February 2021, DCFS has learned Pacific Toxicology has failed to comply with contract requirements in serious and multiple ways. In response, DCFS implemented more than one corrective action plan, but certain significant deficiencies have persisted despite the plans and enhanced monitoring of the contract.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that there is an emergent need for drug and alcohol testing services for DCFS families and delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to identify and enter into one or more negotiated contracts with qualified vendors to provide the needed Drug and Alcohol Testing Services.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to amend the new contracts as necessary for programmatic changes or to increase or decrease the annual contract amounts to accommodate service needs.
3. Find that it would be in the best interest of the County to terminate contract number 20-0033 with Pacific Toxicology and delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate the contract.