

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

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EXPANDING CONTACT TRACING RESOURCES TO COMBAT MONKEYPOX

The World Health Organization recently declared that the monkeypox outbreaks spreading globally are a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. California and Los Angeles County (County) are among states and local jurisdictions experiencing a large, ongoing outbreak, with 218 confirmed cases of monkeypox in the County and more than 430 cases reported in California. The County has attributed cases to local community spread that are not associated with any travel exposure. The County and the Department of Public Health (DPH) have responded to this latest communicable disease challenge with extensive contact tracing and support for those affected, community education and outreach, a vaccination plan based on the national strategy that is scaling up as additional doses become available nationally, and working closely with community providers and impacted communities.

In light of the ongoing and growing outbreak, the County and DPH are scaling up the response to ensure our communities are protected. The County and DPH need the resources, flexibility for contracting and staffing, and ability to mobilize resources to ensure continued robust, effective response and mitigation activities to contain this outbreak. The Board has previously delegated authority to the Chief Executive Office and departments as needed to ensure the County’s COVID-19 response, but this authority

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does not extend to monkeypox. Delegated authority is needed now to ensure the County's monkeypox response.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to enter into, execute, terminate, or amend new or existing agreements, including sole-source, subrecipient agreements, or any related agreements as needed to respond to, provide supplies for, and engage in mitigation activities for the ongoing Monkeypox outbreak, provided funds are available and the proposed agreement is approved as to form by County Counsel. No agreement shall exceed \$2 million per agreement, including any and all optional work and option terms. DPH and DHS must provide advance written notice to the Board and the Chief Executive Office prior to executing any agreement under this delegation of authority. This delegation to enter into new or amended agreements will expire within six months of this approval unless extended by an action of the Board of Supervisors.

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