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**AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 18**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting that the Board approve an appropriation adjustment shifting \$13.0 million in savings from its Administration Budget to offset a projected \$13.0 million deficit in the Assistance budget. The deficit is the result of: 1) higher than anticipated cost per case for Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care; 2) higher than anticipated caseload for Emergency Assistance-Foster Care; and 3) costs associated with initial Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) home inspections and annual reassessments. ASFA regulations require that all foster relatives and non-related extended family members' homes meet the same approval and licensing standards as foster family homes.

DCFS is currently backlogged on the annual reassessments of these homes and is unable to claim federal and State reimbursement for foster care assistance payments.

Over the past year, the Chief Administrative Office has authorized DCFS to fill 35 staff positions to address existing backlog, however, the Department has yet to clear it.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to continue recommendation #5, the recommendation to move \$13 million from the DCFS Administration Budget to the DCFS Assistance Budget, for 30 days until the department provides a comprehensive plan to conduct initial and annual Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) home inspection in a timely manner.

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