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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL: RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT NUMBER 75742 WITH NOW LEGAL SERVICES, LLC FOR DAILY MESSENGER AND AS-NEEDED COURT FILING SERVICES ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize and delegate authority to the County Counsel to terminate for convenience County Contract No. 75742 with Now Legal Services, LLC, effective upon approval of your Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In approving the recommended action, the Board is authorizing County Counsel to terminate for convenience County Contract No. 75742 ("Contract") with Now Legal Services, LLC ("Now Legal"), for daily messenger and as-needed court filing services.

Your Board initially approved and adopted the Contract on June 20, 2006, with an effective date of July 1, 2006, along with another contract for daily messenger and as-needed court filing services with Southern California Messengers.

Now Legal has failed to maintain the level of insurance coverage required by Paragraph 8.24 of the Contract. As such, County Counsel recommends that the Contract be terminated for convenience, as permitted under the Contract.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action is anticipated to have minimal, if any, fiscal impact. Funds budgeted by the Office of the County Counsel for daily messenger and as-needed court filing services will be shifted to fund other providers of these services, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Paragraph 8.41 of the Contract allows the County to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination under this provision of the Contract has been reviewed by County Counsel for legal sufficiency.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action is anticipated to have minimal, if any, impact on current services. Daily messenger and as-needed court filing services will be shifted to other providers of these services, as necessary, to ensure continuity of services.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter to the County Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors