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The rapid growth of software-as-a-service (SAAS), device-neutral web applications, and increasingly sophisticated free and low-cost software is changing the ways in which government information and services can be accessed as well as government's ability to operate ever more effectively and transparently. For example, high-definition (HD) video broadcasting and videoconferencing services, with secure transmission and reception, are widely available to anyone with internet access and a computer, smart phone or tablet.

The Executive Office of the Board, the CEO and County departments, in working to improve the accessibility of their online services, share an interest in using free and low-cost commercial software and information technology services whose value and cross-platform accessibility may exceed that of custom-built County-specific solutions. Adoption of such practices could leverage scarce resources, improve access to, and quality of, service, and enhance the productivity of County employees while reducing costs.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Quality and

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Productivity Commission to report back in 90 days with recommendations on how the County can more widely utilize free and low-cost commercial software and information technology infrastructure services across multiple devices and platforms, particularly high-definition (HD) video broadcasting and secure videoconferencing.

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