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County Information Technology Security Assessments

The Countywide Information Technology (IT) Policy 6.108 (Auditing and Compliance Policy), directs the Auditor-Controller (A-C) to conduct or coordinate an audit of every County department's compliance with IT security policies, standards, and procedures. The policy, however, does not define the frequency or deadlines for conducting audits of each County department.

On July 14, 2015, in response to serious flaws revealed in the A-C's Information Technology and Security Reviews of the Probation Department and the Department of Public Health, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the A-C, in coordination with the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), to report back in 60 days on the feasibility of conducting IT and Security Policy Reviews for each County department, including the CEO and the Executive Office of the Board, on an annual basis.

In response to the Board-approved motion, the A-C is developing a plan that will enable the County to conduct the IT and Security Policy Reviews on a regular basis. The Interim CEO recommends that \$306,000 in one-time funding be allocated to the Chief Information Office to contract with an outside IT security vendor that will conduct

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immediate IT Policy Assessments of all County Departments. At this time however, it is unclear why this work must be performed by outside consultants as opposed to the A-C as previously directed.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to freeze the \$306,000 allocated in the Chief Information Officer's budget for Information Technology and Security Review services until future direction by the Board.

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