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Subject **PROPOSITION A CONTRACT AMENDMENT - DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - GENERAL RELIEF EMPLOYABILITY
SCREENING SERVICES (BOARD AGENDA ITEM #10 - FEBRUARY 2,
2010)**

Item #10 on your Board's Agenda for Tuesday, February 2, 2010, is a request from the Department of Public Social Services to approve an amendment for the Department's General Relief Employability Screening Services contract. The amendment increases the contract by \$4.1 million to address a projected 76% increase in the contractor's General Relief screening workload through November 2010.

Board policy requires departments to prepare updated cost analyses for Proposition A (Prop A) contract amendments that increase the contract amounts by \$1 million or more. Based on this policy, we requested the Department of Health Services (DHS) to prepare an updated cost analysis because DHS would provide the medical screening services if the services were not contracted. Under Prop. A guidelines, DHS' estimated cost of providing these services should be compared to the proposed contractor's cost to determine if the contract is cost effective.

My staff has reviewed DHS' cost analysis and, based on the estimated staffing determined by DHS, the contract continues to be cost effective. The hourly wages to be paid by the contractor meet the requirements of the Living Wage Ordinance. The contract does not provide for any cost of living adjustments.

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Please call me if you have any questions, or have your staff contact Jim Schneiderman at (626) 293-1101.

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