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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012 **ADOPTED** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 15 July 9, 2013

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Dear Supervisors:

### APPOINTMENT, SALARY, AND RELOCATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

## **SUBJECT**

Recommendation to appoint, set the salary of and approve relocation expenses for Mark A. Fajardo, M.D. to serve as Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner for the County of Los Angeles.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to appoint Mark A. Fajardo, M.D. to the position of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, effective after final Board approval, at an annual salary of \$275,000.

2. Approve reimbursement of up to \$25,000 for reasonable actual costs of relocating the family and personal residence of Dr. Fajardo.

3. Instruct the Director of Personnel to execute an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by the County Counsel.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to appoint Mark A. Fajardo, M.D. as the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner of the County of Los Angeles; to set a salary for Dr. Fajardo; and to authorize the payment of actual relocation expenses related to moving the family and personal residence of Dr. Fajardo to the Los Angeles County area and temporary housing rental costs. Reimbursement will

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not include travel expenses for commuting purposes.

Dr. Fajardo has over 20 years of experience in the field of pathology including the last 13 years for the County of Riverside. Since 2011, Dr. Fajardo has been serving as the County of Riverside's Chief Forensic Pathologist with responsibilities for overseeing more than 1,300 autopsies annually.

Given Dr. Fajardo's experience in the field of pathology, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint Mark A. Fajardo, M.D. as the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, effective after final Board approval, with an annual salary of \$275,000, and authorize the payment of actual relocation expenses related to moving the family and personal residence of Dr. Fajardo to the Los Angeles County area and temporary housing rental costs.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of these recommendations will further the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness to enhance the quality and productivity of the County workforce.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The cost of the recommended actions will be absorbed within the Department of Coroner's existing budget.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended salary will provide appropriate compensation to Dr. Fajardo to perform the duties of the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner. Reimbursement of reasonable actual relocation expenses is appropriate for the newly appointed Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Implementation of these recommendations will provide leadership for the Department of the Coroner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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