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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

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INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

### **AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND A CONTRACT WITH MORRISON HEALTHCARE, INC. TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICES AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting delegated authority to extend the existing contract with Morrison Healthcare, Inc. to provide food services at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH).

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to prepare and execute, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, a modification to the existing food services contract with Morrison Healthcare, Inc. at BJNJH, specifically, to extend the current contract period for 12-months effective May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, and for a subsequent 12-month option period, for an estimated annual amount of \$1.8 million.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to prepare and execute additional amendments to this contract, for any decrease or increase not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of per unit food cost and/or 180 days to the period of performance, pursuant to the terms contained herein, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to approve necessary changes to the scope of service, and to terminate, in whole or in part, contract number 79243, with Morrison Healthcare, Inc., once Probation has completed its solicitation process and entered into a new contract for food services at BJNJB.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

### **Background**

On October 4, 2022, Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda L. Solis authored a motion to amend Probation's original request to extend its existing contracts with Morrison Healthcare, Inc., to provide food services at BJNJB and Central Juvenile Hall (CJH). Probation had requested authority for an initial contract period commencing on November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, with a subsequent 12-month option period. Pursuant to this amended motion, Probation's authority to extend the contract periods was reduced to a one-year period, from November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, with an option to extend for an additional six-month period.

During this time, Probation advised your Board that this reduction in the contract extension would not provide Probation with sufficient time to complete a new solicitation process as it was estimated that the solicitation would likely take over two years to complete due to the complex nature of the services, as well as the anticipated potential protests and subsequent litigation which we, by necessity, take into consideration when planning the competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Because of this, Probation would return to the Board to request additional contract extensions to ensure uninterrupted food services.

### **Recommendation**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Chief Probation Officer, or his designee, to prepare and execute a modification to Contract No. 79243 with Morrison Healthcare, Inc. in order to extend the current contract period for a 12-month period effective May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, and for a subsequent 12-month option period. These extensions will also provide sufficient time to develop a modified Statement of Work (SOW) and to initiate a competitive RFP process which has been further delayed due to various factors.

These factors include waiting on a pending authorization from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to modify and/or waive some of the Title 15 nutrition-related requirements (i.e., calories, saturated fat, whole grains, sugar and sodium) in order to provide youth with meals that are more appealing, with more familiar and brand named foods, increased portion sizes, access to a variety of condiments at meals, and "premium" snacks to be provided for consumption throughout the day. Additionally, Probation is currently assessing the feasibility of changing the meal delivery/serving style and system to improve the overall quality of meals and meal satisfaction, and to accommodate the provision of larger quantities of foods by plating meals at the time of service rather than the current, pre-plated style. Doing so would provide more freshly served meals that do not need to be held in warmers for extended

periods of time prior to service, and therefore, retain their quality. Changing the meal delivery style/system would require additional and/or different equipment, a change in mealtime patterns, congregate meal serving (dining hall), and additional food services staff to manage real-time meal serving.

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

The recommended actions are consistent with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal III: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today. Specifically, it will address Strategy III.3 to Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and accountability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated amount for the contract extension at BJNJH is \$1.8 million for a 12-month period from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, fully funded by Net County Cost. Because the annual number of meals cannot be projected with certainty given the fluctuations in the numbers of juveniles entering the system, the actual contract amount may be more or less than estimated.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The current contract expires on April 30, 2024. The initial term of the contract extension shall be for a 12-month period from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.

The contract is authorized by Los Angeles County Charter 44.7 and Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.121 (Proposition A). Probation has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage ordinance applies to the contract. Consequently, the contract includes compliance with the requirements for the County's Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code, Chapter, 2.201).

The contract contains your Board's required contract provisions, including those pertaining to consideration of qualified county employees targeted for layoffs, as well as qualified GAIN/START participants for employment openings, compliance with the Jury Service Ordinance, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and the Child Support Program.

The County will not request the contractor to perform services that exceed the Board approved contract amount, scope of work, and/or contract terms.

Except as expressly provided in the amendment, all other provisions and conditions of the contract will remain the same and in full force and effect. The recommended contract amendments will be executed after County Counsel review and approval as to form.

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

Approval of the recommended actions will avoid a break in services and allow time for Probation to complete its solicitation process.

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Respectfully submitted,



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