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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT
SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COUNTYWIDE CHILD PROTECTION STRATEGIC PLAN
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The delegated contracting authority will permit the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors (Executive Officer), or their designee, to negotiate, execute, and amend contracts with up to six consultants per year to assist the Office of Child Protection (OCP) with implementing its Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan and other key initiatives over the next three fiscal years. The total combined contract amounts will not exceed \$500,000 per year.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with up to six consultants per year for services to assist the OCP with implementation of its Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan and other key initiatives. This authority will be for fiscal years 2024-25 through 2026-2027 and the combined annual contract amounts will not exceed \$500,000 per year.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Officer, or their designee, to negotiate amendments to these contracts as needed, when such amendments are necessary for the success of each project, changes to the statement of work, exercise extension options, update the terms and conditions, with approval as to form by County Counsel.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Officer, or their designee, to terminate the contract for convenience, if necessary.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The funding for these consultant services, up to \$500,000 per year, was included in the OCP's ongoing services and supplies budget. These recommended actions will provide the authority needed to utilize those funds to hire up to six consultants per year to support OCP's implementation of the Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan, as well as to assist OCP with other key initiatives.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports the Countywide Strategic Plan, North Star I, *Make Investments that Transform Lives* and the North Star I Goal, D, ii to Support Vulnerable Populations, specifically around child safety and family well-being. In addition, this action supports the Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan, Goal 1, *Provide children and families with the upfront supports and services they need to prevent them from entering the child welfare system and/or limit their involvement with the system once they are known to it*; Goal 2, *Minimize, if not eliminate, the risk that a child known to one or more entities in our system will be harmed*; Goal 3, *No child leaves the system without a permanent family or a responsible caring adult in his or her life*; Goal 4, *Ensure that system-involved youth achieve the physical, emotional, and social health needed to be successful*; and Goal 5, *Rethink the structures, programs, and processes that affect multiple entities to continually take advantage of new thinking and learning that meaningfully improve our child protection system*. The consultant services will aid the OCP with pushing these goals forward.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The OCP's ongoing services and supplies budget includes an allocation of \$500,000 for consultant services. No additional net County cost is required.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Services will be procured in conjunction with our partner agencies, as applicable, with the County having the final hiring authority. County Counsel's approval as to form will be obtained prior to entering into any agreement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Our partners from Departments and other key entities will be involved in the implementation of the Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan. Changes to current services may result as implementation of the Countywide Child Protection Strategic Plan moves forward.

Respectfully submitted,



Judge Michael Nash (Ret.)
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