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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Ann Elliott, Human Resources Director
Date: November 23, 2021

Subject: Introduce Ordinance No. 2021-39 amending the County Ordinance Code to establish the Assistant County Veterans Service Officer-Exempt

RECOMMENDATION(S):

INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 2021-39 amending the County Ordinance Code to exclude from the merit system the new classification of Assistant Veterans Service Officer - Exempt, update the section heading, and reorganize existing section, WAIVE READING and FIX December 7, 2021, for adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval, this action will result in an approximate annual salary and benefit cost of \$168,676, which includes \$57,763 in benefit costs. The position will be mostly offset by increased state subvention funding. The department will work closely with County Administrator staff to ensure a mid-year appropriation adjustment is completed in December to balance the position cost and increased revenues.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past few years, the Veterans Service Office (VSO) has expanded its service

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/23/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 23, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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delivery capabilities including conducting DMV Veterans Status Verification Forms, implementing the digital-to-digital process, and implementing the Virtual Office, which have all contributed to enhancing access to the County services provided to our Veterans, dependents and survivors. Additionally, state subvention revenues and Prop 63 funding have increased over the years allowing for VSO program, staffing, and operating hours expansion. This year, the VSO began completing forms on behalf of Veterans who are eligible for the DMV Disabled Veterans License Plate, which has also created greater access to Veterans and their dependents and survivors and resulted in an increase in new benefit claims.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

To ensure the appropriate staffing levels are in place to support the growing VSO and expansion of services, the County Administrator is recommending that an Assistant County Veterans Service Officer – Exempt classification be established and a full-time position be added. The position will be responsible for assisting with the planning, organizing, and directing of the County's Veterans Service Office, as well as, overseeing and evaluating VSO personnel and fulfilling other related work as needed.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Veterans Service Office has expanded its service delivery capabilities. This new classifications is required to ensure the appropriate staffing levels are in place to support the growing Veterans Service Office and the expansion in service. If this request is not granted maintaining the increase in service level may be effected.

ATTACHMENTS

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