



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Mark Peterson, District Attorney  
Date: September 20, 2016

Subject: Add One (1) Deputy District Attorney - Fixed Term and One (1) Sr. Inspector to the District Attorney's Office

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Position Adjustment Resolution No. 21944 to add one (1) Deputy District Attorney - Fixed Term (2KWD) (represented) position at salary plan and grade MAG 0002 (\$7,104 - \$7,637) and add one (1) District Attorney Senior Inspector (6KVA) (represented) position at salary plan and grade XJX 1970 (\$7,232 - \$10,012) in the District Attorney's Office, Consumer Protection unit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$396,113. The cost of these positions is covered 100% by the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

In recent years, the Contra Costa County Office of the District Attorney has become more proactive in the Consumer Protection arena. We have become more involved in multi-jurisdictional task forces. Our increased participation has led to a more significant role in the civil cases that arise from the task force's enforcement efforts. For example, we are currently heading towards litigation on at least three major consumer protection civil cases.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/20/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
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: September 20, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

order to handle these cases and to continue to handle the consumer cases at the rate at which we are receiving referrals, we require one additional Senior Investigator position and one Deputy District Attorney position. All of the positions assigned to the Consumer Protection unit, including the newly created positions, are 100% funded with the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Fund. Deposits to those funds result from the settlement of Consumer cases and are required by various statutes to be spent on consumer protection enforcement. The DA Consumer Protection fund has sufficient resources to pay for these new positions long-term.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's office has received an increase in consumer protection cases that require additional staff to manage the increase in case referrals. The department has increased their involvement in multi-jurisdictional task forces; this has led to increased participation and a significant role in the civil cases that arise from the efforts of the task force. Adding these two positions will allow the Consumer Protection unit to handle the increase in referrals. If this action is not approved, the District Attorney's Office will be unable to add the positions requested in the Consumer Protection Unit.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.

### ATTACHMENTS

P300 No. 21944