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County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: August 16, 2016

Subject: Boston College Law School Prosecutor/Defender Legal Fellowship

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to serve as a host organization for the Boston College Law School Public Service Fellows Program, a year-long postgraduate fellowship program that engages graduates in the criminal legal process, for the period September 1, 2016 through August 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. BC Law will provide a monthly taxable stipend of \$3,333 directly to the Fellow for the twelve months of service. The Fellow is eligible for health benefits through BC Law.

BACKGROUND:

The Boston College Law School (BC Law) Prosecutor/Defender Legal Fellowship ("fellowship") is a year-long postgraduate fellowship that provides the selected prosecutor or public defender office with a full-time BC Law graduate. The fellowship program is designed to engage attorneys in the criminal legal process both in prosecutorial and defender positions.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/16/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, 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: August 16, 2016

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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Host organizations include state, local and federal prosecutor and public defender offices.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The assigned Fellow will provide litigation support to the attorneys in the form of research and writing, motion work, and trial preparation. The Fellow will work full-time, under the supervision of a supervising attorney, for a minimum of 35 hours per week while participating in the fellowship.

The Fellow will receive a monthly stipend from Boston College Law School for legal work performed at the Public Defender's Office. The County will not provide health insurance to Fellow.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Public Defender would not be able to serve as a host organization.