



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Sharon L. Anderson, County Counsel  
Date: January 23, 2018

Subject: Approval of Contract for Specialized Professional Services

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Counsel, or designee, to execute, on behalf of Contra Costa County, a contract for specialized professional services with Moscone Emblidge and Otis, LLP.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Services will be billed at hourly rates not to exceed \$350.00 per hour and will be charged 100% to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

A lawsuit has been filed against the County, the Board of Supervisors, the Employment and Human Services Department, and its Director, seeking a writ of mandate. The lawsuit, captioned *Paul Cruciani and Peter Bellici v. County of Contra Costa, et al.*, Contra Costa Superior Court Case No. MSN17-2091, alleges legal deficiencies in the operation of the County's General Assistance Program. The law firm of Moscone Emblidge and Otis, LLP has specialized expertise in the area of public assistance law and litigation. It is anticipated that the services of Moscone Emblidge and Otis, LLP will be of assistance in defending the County against the lawsuit.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/23/2018** ☒ 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: January 23, 2018

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The County will be unable to obtain the firm's services.