



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Diana Becton, District Attorney

Date: July 23, 2019

Subject: Agreement with Public Rights Project

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the District Attorney, or designee, to execute an agreement with Public Rights Project, a project of Tides Center to place one Fellow with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for a term of two (2) years beginning in the Fall of 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

**BACKGROUND:**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to enter into an Agreement with the Public Rights Project (PRP). PRP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering state and local prosecutors to affirmatively prosecute violations in the areas of civil rights, economic justice, consumer protection, and environmental litigation and enforcement. PRP administers a nationwide fellowship program in collaboration with state and local government agencies. Fellows must have an active bar membership in a U.S. state and a passion for public service. The fellowship is ideally suited for attorneys with 3-5 years of legal experience after law school, and a background in litigation. The fellowship pays an

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/23/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
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: July 23, 2019

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

By: Stephanie Mello, Deputy

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cc:

annual stipend funded and calculated by PRP based on the

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Fellow's legal experience, cost of living in the Fellow's placement city, and the average pay of other attorneys in the Fellow's placement office.

The PRP will aim to place one (1) Fellow with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for a term of two (2) years beginning in the Fall of 2019. The Fellow will function as a volunteer attorney and only be involved in affirmative litigation work in the Special Operations Unit. Contra Costa County will provide no financial support to either the PRP, or its Fellow placed with the District Attorney's Office.

This agreement includes a provision for Contra Costa County to indemnify PRP.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's Office will be unable to receive a fellow through Public Rights Project for affirmative litigation work.