



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Sharon L. Anderson, County Counsel
Date: May 26, 2020

Subject: Contract Amendment for Specialized Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Counsel, or her designee, to execute, on behalf of Contra Costa County, a contract amendment for specialized professional services with Ellis Buehler Makus, LLP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Services will be billed at hourly rates not to exceed \$320.00 per hour and will be charged to the County Departments which utilize the services. The total contract amount will be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

BACKGROUND:

County departments require on-going legal assistance conducting workplace investigations, preparing for anticipated litigation, and providing legal advice. The law firm of Ellis Buehler Makus, LLP has specialized expertise in the area of employment law and litigation. The County entered into a contract with Ellis Buehler Makus, LLP on October 1, 2018 for legal assistance to the County in its workplace investigations. The total contract amount has been reached. It is requested that the contract be amended to provide a new total contract amount of \$200,000.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/26/2020** ☒ 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: May 26, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Wanda McAdoo 925
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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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