



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Ellen McDonnell, Public Defender
Date: January 17, 2023

Subject: Establish and add one (1) PD Investigator I-Project position and add one (1) Intermediate Clerk-Project position in the Public Defender's Office.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Position Adjustment Resolution No. 26095 to establish the classification of Public Defender Investigator I-Project (6NW1) (represented), add one (1) Public Defender Investigator I-Project (6NW1) (represented) position at salary plan and grade JF5 1572 (\$6,842.51 - \$8,317.11), and add one (1) Intermediate Clerk-Project (99J3) (represented) position at salary plan and grade QH5 0946 (\$3,740.48 - \$4,546.58) in the Public Defender's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated total annual cost to add the 2 positions is \$201,000. Total estimated cost for FY 2022-23 is \$100,800. This cost will be fully grant funded by the Public Defense Pilot Program which is administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

BACKGROUND:

The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Public Defense Pilot Program dramatically expands access to post-conviction relief services for indigent individuals in Contra Costa County. This grant-funded project expands the post-conviction unit at the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/17/2023** ☒ 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
Ken Carlson, 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 17, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Erica Ellis, (925) 335 8093

cc: Erica Ellis

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Public Defender and Alternate Defender Offices and enables many eligible individuals to receive critical legal relief provided by recently enacted reforms in the areas of immigration vacatur, felony murder resentencing, youthful offender parole, and prosecutor-initiated resentencing. Multi-disciplinary teams including attorneys, a social worker and clerical staff will work to support eligible clients throughout the legal process and will work to rectify inequitable sentences and to promote just outcomes for these individuals.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failing to establish the Investigator I-Project position will prevent the Post-Conviction Unit from engaging in critical investigation on behalf of its clients and failing to establish the Intermediate Clerk-Project position will preclude essential clerical support to the Post-Conviction Unit.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

ATTACHMENTS

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