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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** June 13, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a contract amendment to Resolution 16-361, contract with Jennifer Walters Staniar for delivery of Conflict Indigent Defense Services and amending the Conflict Indigent Defense budget for 16/17. Extending the contract term to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 and increasing the maximum contract amount from \$80,000 to \$175,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the resolution.

**FUNDING:** There are three Conflict Indigent Defense contract amendments being brought to the Board of Supervisors in this June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, with a total impact on the 16/17 budget and General Fund in the amount of \$115,000 (see below table for further details). Ms. Walters' contract is being amended a total of \$95,000: \$35,000 for 16/17; \$10,000 for 17/18; and an additional year is being added to the contract for \$50,000 in 18/19. An amendment is included for 16/17 for \$35,000. The amount for 17/18 and 18/19 are/will be included in those respective budgets.

	Contract Amendment Changes							
Attorney	Current Contract Term	New Contract Term	Current Total Amount	Amend Amount	New Total Amount	16/17 Est.	17/18 Est.	18/19 Est.
J. Walters	7/1/16-6/30/18	7/1/16-6/30/19	\$80,000	\$95,000	\$175,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
W.G. Klein	7/1/16-6/30/18	7/1/16-6/30/18	\$160,000	\$85,000	\$245,000	\$145,000	\$100,000	N/A
W. Walker	7/1/16-6/30/18	7/1/16-6/30/18	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$115,000	\$65,000	\$50,000	N/A
<i>Fiscal Year 2016-17 Change from Budget</i>						<i>\$115,000</i>		

**BACKGROUND:** The County is required by law to appoint attorneys in criminal matters and to furnish legal services when a possible conflict of interest is present or when other defense providers are otherwise disqualified. Representation by the conflict attorney in indigent criminal cases ranges from first appearance date and pleas to re-trials, preliminary hearings, and jury trials. The cases for which conflict attorneys may be appointed include misdemeanors, felonies, LPS Conservatorship and other matters where juvenile and adult indigent legal services are allowed by law.

Superior Court Judges appoint these cases from a qualified pool of local attorneys, who submit their invoices to the court for initial review and approval. The court then forwards the invoices to the CEO's office for payment from the conflict indigent defense budget.

In an effort to establish a more formal relationship with local attorneys who serve as alternate public defenders providing cost-efficient, quality conflict indigent defense services, the County has established an ongoing Request for Qualifications process that allows the County to contract with these attorneys at an established rate. In addition, it permits a review of qualifications by County Counsel and ensures the required insurance coverage is in place.

Due to preferential assignment of cases to contracted attorneys, this attorney has provided more services than originally contracted for in FY 16/17, resulting in the requested increase to this contract. Ms. Walters' contract is being amended by a total of \$95,000: \$35,000 for 16/17; \$10,000 for 17/18; and an additional year is being added to the contract for \$50,000 in 18/19 resulting in a total contract amount of \$175,000 for three years. An amendment is included for 16/17 for \$35,000. The amount for 17/18 and 18/19 are/will be included in those respective budgets.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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