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MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer**
SUBJECT: Resolution to Reject All Bids for Request for Proposals for Conflict Indigent Legal Defense Services

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution.

FUNDING: The attached resolution has no fiscal impact. There is no impact on the General Fund and no budget amendment is needed.

BACKGROUND: On July 17, 2018 the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 18-382, directing the Purchasing Agent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Conflict Indigent Legal Defense Services. The Purchasing Division collaborated with the Chief Executive Office to solicit qualified firms to provide these services and released the RFP on July 18, 2018.

The solicitation was distributed to several California Lawyer Member Organizations as well as the California Bar Association. In total, twenty one firms were notified and 10 firms accessed the RFP documents. The RFP closed on August 31, 2018 with four proposals received.

An evaluation panel comprised of County staff and members of the Nevada County Superior Court (Court) evaluated and scored each proposal based on the criteria as published in the RFP. The combined tabulation of all scores reflected that the proposing firms did not meet the criteria the County was looking for, and as such the recommendation is to reject all bids.

At this point in time, there remains a system in place to meet the needs of those who require Conflict Indigent Legal Defense Services. However, the County and Court are still interested in improving the administrative and fiscal impacts of providing these services. To that end, the team of County staff who developed the RFP as approved in Resolution 18-382 is currently working to develop a revised plan which will be brought to the Board of Supervisors at a later date as needed.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Martin Polt