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Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
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Re: Approval of Contract for Legal Services with Abigail L. Roseman in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000.00 to Provide Assistance to County Counsel's Office in Rendering Services to the Public Guardian Due to a Vacancy in the Office

Honorable Supervisors:

Recommendation:

County Counsel recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached contract for legal services with Abigail L. Roseman, and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The County Counsel's office currently has a vacancy in the office which was previously filled by an attorney who represented the Public Guardian almost full time. We currently have a recruitment open to fill that position. Since that attorney left, the office has divided the workload among the other attorneys. Over the next few months, due to calendar conflicts among pending trials and overall workload, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to fulfill the needs of the Public Guardian with existing staff. Therefore, we are recommending that the County contract with Abigail L. Roseman to assist the County Counsel's office in rendering services to the Public Guardian, including litigation.

Although the amount of this contract is within the Purchasing Agent's authority, Government Code § 25203 provides that the hiring of counsel to assist the county counsel or district attorney

in the conduct of litigation on behalf of the County (with certain exceptions) be by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of the contract is no to exceed \$30,000.00 without approval of the County in writing. There will be no change to net county cost as this contract will be funded out of budget savings realized due to the vacant position.

Actions to be Taken Following Board Approval:

County Counsel will be responsible for assigning cases to Ms. Roseman and supervising her work.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the Board might have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis B. Green", written over a horizontal line.

Louis B. Green
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