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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kelly Webb, Principal Administrative Analyst

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Webb".

Re: Budget Appropriation for Criminal Grand Jury Charges

In recent years, there has not been a specific appropriation in any budget to cover costs associated with criminal grand jury expenses. This fiscal year, the District Attorney has used the criminal grand jury as a way of resolving criminal issues for minimal cost. This resolution method saves significant money because these cases would generally have to be funded out of the indigent defense budget which can be very expensive.

The Chief Administrative Office has submitted claims to the Auditor Controller for expenses totaling approximately \$6,500 in criminal grand costs. We will use appropriations out of the indigent defense budget to pay these claims. The Chief Administrative Office will track the expenses in order to maintain funding statistics for future use.

In order to avoid confusion in future fiscal years, The Chief Administrative Office will include an appropriation in Department 20, for Criminal Grand Jury expenses.