



Legislation Text

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District Attorney recommending the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **015-2018** authorizing the District Attorney to accept donations to support public purposes, including but not limited to community outreach and education and victim advocacy.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney recommending the Board of Supervisors adopt resolution 015-2018 authorizing the District Attorney to accept donations to support public purposes, including but not limited to community outreach and education and victim advocacy.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

California law (Gov. Code, 25355) authorizes the Board of Supervisors to "accept or reject any gift, bequest, or devise made to or in favor of the county, or to or in favor of the board in trust for any public purpose." The Board may delegate such authority to county officers or employees, provided that such delegates file quarterly reports with the Board of Supervisors describing the source and value of any gift valued in excess of \$10,000 (or other amount chosen by the Board).

Occasionally, private citizens or companies offer donations of cash, goods, and services in support of various programs within the District Attorney's Office. As there is no countywide policy on acceptance of such donations, only the Board of Supervisors has the authority to accept them, unless that authority has been specifically delegated. In order to provide flexibility and reduce the administrative process to accept donations, the District Attorney is requesting the Board delegate authority to him to accept individual donations, up to \$10,000 each. Any individual donation in excess of that amount would be brought to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Donations would be used for public purposes, such as community outreach and education and victim advocacy.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to delegate authority at all, or could delegate authority to accept donations up to a different amount than requested. If no authority is delegated, each donation would have to be accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Any donations received would defray the costs of provision of services.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Good Governance, Public Safety

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