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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FROM: Riverside County Information Technology (RCIT)/Public Safety
Enterprise Communication Project (PSEC)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 2, 2007

SUBJECT: New Contract for PSEC Project Support of Legal and Contract Negotiations

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a new contract with Katz Law Office (Arthur Katz) for outside telecommunications specialty counsel for the amount of \$300,000; and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute this new contract with Katz Law Office (Arthur Katz) as approved by County Counsel.

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

JAN 02 2007

Departmental Conference

Purchasing: *[Signature]*
Assistant Director

[Signature]
Matthew W. Frymire
Chief Information Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 300,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	06/07

SOURCE OF FUNDS: PSEC operating budget.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

[Signature]

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.28 11/7/06; 3.44B
Dated: 9/27/05; 3.15 Date 2/11/05

District:

Agenda Number:

3.33

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BACKGROUND:

On September 27, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal (Agenda Item 3.44b), in support of the PSEC contract negotiations.

Arthur Katz, the lead attorney assigned throughout the negotiations, has decided to move from the firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, to his own firm effective January 1, 2007. Mr. Katz provides critical legal and telecommunications expertise needed for contract development and has led the contract development and negotiations on behalf of the County. Mr. Katz will remain as the County's lead attorney, and the County will now need a new separate contract with Katz Law Office. The PSEC Project requests that the Board delegate authority to the Purchasing Agent to sign this new contract (when completed) as approved by County Counsel. The new contract will be similar to the Sonnenschein contract.

The PSEC Project is finalizing the contract negotiation phase and continues to require specialized legal support. The support is necessary to assist in the negotiation of a comprehensive final contract which is critical to the success of this Project. The primary factors which necessitate the additional assistance are: the highly detailed nature of the contract; and the PSEC Team's efforts to complete dual vendor negotiations.

PRICE REASONABLENESS:

Arthur Katz was selected by County Counsel and has been involved with the PSEC Project for more than the past year. Only Mr. Katz has the expertise and background to help finalize this contract in the immediate future. It would not be effective to consider the possibility of selecting a different attorney at this time.

The hourly rate for Mr. Katz of \$625.00 will remain as negotiated under the existing Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal contract.