

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
8-26-09

FROM: Public Defender

SUBJECT: Approval of Public Defender Rates

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors approve the billing rate for Public Defender Services as listed in Attachment A

BACKGROUND: On May 4, 2004, agenda item 3.17, the Board of Supervisors approved the billing rates for Public Defender Services. These rates were developed to bill for services provided by civil attorneys, criminal attorneys, investigators and clerical staff. The proposed rate, as presented in this Form 11, collapses the aforementioned rates into a single rate based upon the total projected cost of providing public defender services for FY 2009/10 and the productive time of direct criminal staff only. The rates associated with civil, investigations and clerical service functions are no longer being used and have been discontinued.

The proposed rate is an increase of 23.19% over the FY 2004/05 rate for the criminal service category. This increase is expected to generate an additional \$31,758 in revenue per year, based on current revenue projections. It should be noted that because of the nature of the court fee collection process, the additional revenue will probably not be realized until at least FY2010/2011.

This rate is mainly used by Superior Court when assessing the Public Defender fees for clients and will remain in effect until changes in costs necessitate changes in the corresponding rates.

Gary Windom, Public Defender

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	NO
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2009/2010

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Elizabeth J. Olson

County Executive Office Signature

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 By:
 Russell Dominick
 8/31/09
 Departmental Controller
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY:
 DALE A. GARDNER
 DATE: 7/31/09
 Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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District:

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ATTACHMENT A

Law Offices of the Public Defender
Board Approved Rates

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Criminal Attorney	\$119.51

The above rate is effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors.