

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

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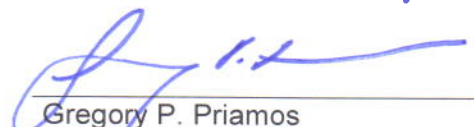
FROM: County Counsel/Riverside University Health System (RUHS)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
9/10/2015

SUBJECT: Amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution No. 440-9014 Submitted Herewith; Approval of Pre-Qualified Counsel List [District – All] [Total Cost - \$386,000]; RUHS Enterprise Fund and Contract Revenue

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution 440-9014 submitted herewith;
2. Approve the Prequalified List of Health Care Attorneys for Specialized Hospital Legal Services; and
3. Authorize the Assistant CEO – Health Systems in consultation with County Counsel, and in accordance with Board Policy A-18 to utilize the services of the selected counsel on an as needed basis.



Gregory P. Priamos
County Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 245,000	\$ 386,000	\$	\$ 386,000	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 62% RUHS Enterprise Fund 32% Contract Revenue 6% Department Budgets	Budget Adjustment: N/A
	For Fiscal Year: 2015/2016

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: 
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

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Zareh Sarrafian Assistant CEO, Health Services/Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND:

County Counsel provides legal services to the Board of Supervisors and its numerous agencies and departments, as well as various special districts. The office has provided legal services to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) also known as Riverside County Regional Medical System including general advice, contract services and compliance issues such as HIPAA assistance. There are ever increasing statutory demands placed on health services, and Riverside County is now embarking on the reorganization of its health care delivery system. The need for legal consultation has grown so significantly that it is essentially requiring the services of one full time deputy, plus services from other deputies within the office.

Due to the ever increasing demand, RUHS has agreed to fund one full-time equivalent (FTE) Deputy County Counsel IV position and one half-time equivalent Legal Support Assistant II-C position dedicated to providing services for Riverside University Health Systems. Various services will still be provided by other deputies within the office due to the array of services needed, but due to the heightened level of support needed, an additional FTE position is requested to be dedicated to RUHS.

Due to the highly specialized nature of health care, the associated regulatory scheme that includes both state and federal laws and regulations, as well as the myriad of ongoing health system upgrades, the health system, from time to time needs to consult with expert and experience health care counsel. The County currently has an agreement with the law firm of Foley & Lardner, LP to provide health care related legal services. County Counsel along with leadership from the RUHS has conducted a survey of experienced health care counsel which included a review of each firm's expertise and experience, as well as interviews which included representatives from County Counsel and RUHS. As a result of this process, a Pre-Qualified List of Health Care Counsel has been developed. County Counsel and RUHS recommend approval of this Pre-Qualified List of Health Care Counsel to provide enhanced legal services to the RUHS.

Pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino establishing the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), the Office of County Counsel has historically provided services to IEHP. Similar to the County's health care delivery system, IEHP faces ever high growth and increasing statutory demands related to its services, and they have continued to experience constant growth in their enrollment. While IEHP has started to establish an in-house counsel division, County Counsel, pursuant to the JPA, provides legal services on behalf of the JPA and the JPA Board. The level of legal counsel services required by IEHP has also increased. IEHP has therefore requested to have one FTE Deputy County Counsel IV position dedicated to their services and have agreed to fund the position.

The Office of County Counsel therefore requests to add two (2) positions of Deputy County Counsel IV and one (1) position of Legal Support Assistant II-C to accommodate the increased level of service and to increase appropriations to accommodate the salary expenses and revenue. The positions will be funded by the referenced departments. There will be no additional impact on the general fund as increased revenues will offset additional expenses.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

These additional positions will assist the Hospital and IEHP in providing enhanced health care services to the citizens of Riverside County.

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FORM 11:**

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Submitted Herewith; Approval of Pre-Qualified Counsel List [District – All] [Total Cost - \$ ---]

DATE: 9/10/2015

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ATTACHMENTS:

- A. **PERSONNEL CHANGE and ORDINANCE 440 REPORT**
No change to past requirements.

1 RESOLUTION NO. 440-9014

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3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in
4 regular session assembled on September 22, 2015, that pursuant to Section 4(a)(ii) of Ordinance No. 440,
5 the County Counsel is authorized to make the following listed change(s), operative on the date of
6 approval, as follows:

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<u>Job</u>			
<u>Code</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Department ID</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
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PRE-QUALIFIED LIST OF HEALTH CARE COUNSEL

1. Arrent Fox, LP
2. Foley & Lardner LP
3. Helton Law Group, APC
4. Hooper Lundy Bookman, PC