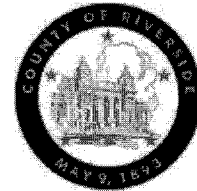


SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM  
3.5  
(ID # 10209)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Litigation and Legislative Administration Fund Budget  
Adjustment for FY 2018/19; All Districts. [\$300,000 - 100% General Fund  
Contingency] (4/5 vote required)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments, as shown on the attached Schedule A.

**ACTION:** Policy, 4/5 Vote Required


  
Alex Gann 6/18/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: June 25, 2019  
xc: E.O., Auditor

Kecia Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$300,000	\$	\$300,000	\$
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$300,000	\$	\$300,000	\$
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>18/19</b>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Executive Office administers the Litigation and Legislative Administration budget unit which pays for various countywide efforts including contracts with state and federal lobbyists, countywide memberships and legal costs of county litigation. Costs for outside counsel and County Counsel have been higher than expected this fiscal year. County Counsel costs have increased in an effort to reduce outside counsel costs and annual attorney costs have decreased from \$450,000 to less than \$200,000, however it is necessary that certain litigation has an outside counsel representation. The use of special counsel is limited to complex litigation where County Counsel does not possess the specialized knowledge and experience. A budget adjustment is needed to pay the remaining invoices.

County Counsel continues to process all bail bonds in the County on behalf of both the County and all of the cities as required by law. In prior years, the department absorbed these costs, but due to the significant resources required to review, evaluate, and litigate each matter, along with administrative oversight required for each bond, the department has developed a streamlined approach to reduce cost and increase efficiency. Given the breadth of resources required by the department to process each bond, the department is no longer able to absorb these costs. Any forfeited bond funds are deposited into the Contribution to Trial Court Fund. A budget adjustment is needed to cover the cost of these invoices.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

Costs for outside counsel and County Counsel are higher than anticipated in FY 18/19, therefore a budget adjustment is needed to increase appropriations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**SCHEDULE A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Increase estimated revenue:

10000-1102900000-790600

Contributions from other county funds

\$200,000

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10000-1100900000-790600	Contributions from other county funds	100,000
Increase appropriations:		
10000-1102900000-525020	Legal Services	200,000
10000-1100900000-525020	Legal Services	100,000
Decrease appropriations:		
10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriations for contingencies	300,000
Increase appropriations:		
10000-1109000000-551100	Contributions to other county funds	300,000

  
Misley Wang, Supervising Accountant

6/18/2019

  
Frankie Z. Ezzat, Chief Deputy County Executive Officer

6/20/2019