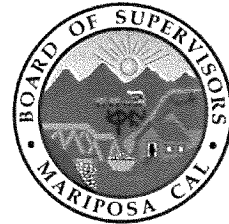


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-386

MEETING: August 7, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director
RE: First Amendment - Agreement with Berliner-Cohen Attorneys at Law

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Berliner-Cohen Attorneys at Law, increasing the amount by \$20,000 to an amount not to exceed \$80,000; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Amendment.

In past years, County Counsel's office provided much of these services. Due to workload and availability, it was determined that a direct contract with Berliner-Cohen would benefit Human Services. Berliner-Cohen will provide legal services in juvenile dependency and public guardian/conservatorship cases. County Counsel will determine when it is necessary for Berliner-Cohen to act for the Human Services Department in Child Welfare cases and any other matter County Counsel deems appropriate. During this current agreement, the amount of required services proved to be greater than anticipated.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Mariposa County has an existing agreement with Berliner-Cohen, approved through Resolution No. 2017-355 on June 6, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, the workload for the County Counsel's office may be such that it creates process delays.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

**There is sufficient funding in the Social Services Budget to fund this Agreement.
There is no impact to the County General Fund.**

ATTACHMENTS:

**First Amendment - Berlinder Cohen Agreement 2018 Wcsignature (PDF)
Berliner Cohen Agreement 2018 - Wsignatures (PDF)**

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RESULT: **ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Merlin Jones