

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

AGENDA _____ February 9, 2021

January 20, 2021

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Room 536
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST POSITION FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORONER'S BUREAU

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the addition of a 1.00 full-time equivalent Forensic Pathologist position (job code #5151), at an annual cost of \$453,673, offset by reduced appropriations in Discretionary Services & Supplies from savings on contracted forensic services; and
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the related budget adjustments.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The Sheriff's Office provides forensic pathology services through the use of several contracted pathologist which are paid out of the Coroner's Bureau discretionary services and supplies account. The cost of contract pathologist services has been increasing dramatically during these current times.

During the previous fiscal years, the Coroner's Office has processed over 1,421 autopsies. With the increasing number of autopsies and the increase of cost per autopsies, the Sheriff's Office recognized a need to control the cost of expenses related to this service.

Therefore, to control the cost of contract pathologists and provide greater oversight over contract pathologist, the Sheriff's Office is requesting one (1) funded Forensic Pathologist position to support the Coroner's Bureau. The funding for this position will come from the cost savings from the contracted forensic pathologist. The position of Forensic Pathologist will perform autopsies, external examinations and other pathology caseload management services needed by the Sheriff's Office.

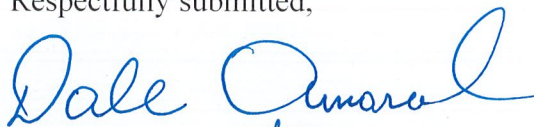
FINANCING:

No additional appropriation is required. Funding for the position will be realized from the cost savings from the contracted pathology services. There will be no increase in net County cost as a result of your approval.

VISION 2026 GOAL:

The addition of the Forensic Pathologist position for the Coroner's Bureau meets the 10X goal pathways of **Crime Free County** in support of our shared vision of **Safe and Livable Communities**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregory J. Ahern 
Sheriff-Coroner

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FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA DATE:

2/9/2021

Subject of Board Letter:

Approve Contract Pathologist Position

BY: 2021

FUND: 10000

The use of Designations, as follows:

| NAME OF DESIGNATION | ORG | AMOUNT |
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The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:

| ORG | ACCT | PROG | PROJ/GR | AMOUNT |
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GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE \$0

The increase (decrease) in appropriations, as follows:

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| ORG TOTAL | | | | \$453,673 |

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$0