



May 21, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Second Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of an Ordinance to Place the Classification of Public Health Officer in the Unclassified Service.

Recommendation

We recommend that your Board commence a second public hearing regarding adoption of an Ordinance amending the Ventura County Ordinance Code, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 4, Civil Service System, to place the classification of Public Health Officer in the unclassified service. This Ordinance will become effective thirty (30) days from the conclusion of this second hearing. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is attached as Exhibit 1.

Strategic Priority

This item supports the County's Strategic Priority to attract, hire, develop, and retain a diverse workforce empowered to meet the needs of our customers.

Discussion

This is the second public hearing regarding adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Ventura County Ordinance Code, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 4, Civil Service System to place the classification of Public Health Officer in the unclassified service. An initial public hearing was held on May 14, 2024.

The Public Health Officer performs the duties of County Public Health Officer set forth in the California Health & Safety Code and will be responsible for the enforcement of local health orders, ordinances, and state health laws and regulations. The position is also the consulting medical officer for other county agencies including the Board of Supervisors. As such the position will provide professional level ongoing support for the County of Ventura's policies, programs, and services, and will be among the highest-level managers within the HCA.

Due to the scope and complexity of the job classification, it is recommended that your Board adopt an ordinance placing this classification in the unclassified service.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 654-3600.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Exhibit 1 Ordinance Amending Ventura County Ordinance Code,
Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 4