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December 15, 2009

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

Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks for a
Community Prosecution Program

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board:

Approve the attached amendment to the agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks for a one-year period from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, to provide local community prosecution services. Funding for the contract is \$115,500.

FISCAL/MANDATE IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Authority:	N/A
Source of Funding:	City of Thousand Oaks
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue/Costs:	<u>FY 2009/10</u>
Revenue:	\$ 115,500
Costs:	
Direct	\$ 115,500
Indirect – Agency/Dept.	Minimal
Indirect – County CAP	Minimal



Total Costs: \$ 115,500
Net Cost \$ 0

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PROJECTIONS

FY 2009-10 Budget Projection for District Attorney BU#3400				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimate (Savings/Deficit)
Appropriations	\$36,130,114	\$36,820,546	\$36,820,546	\$0
Revenue	\$14,613,309	\$14,613,309	\$14,613,309	\$0
Net Cost	\$21,516,805	\$22,207,237	\$22,207,237	\$0

DISCUSSION:


The Community Prosecution Program began in 2002 when the District Attorney's Office received federal grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Planning. The Program was designed to provide specialized services directly to local law enforcement, residents and businesses. Since July 2002, a veteran deputy district attorney was assigned to work at the East Valley Sheriff's Station--the jurisdiction furthest geographically from the Hall of Justice in Ventura. The Deputy District Attorney has established close working relationships with important civic groups and service providers within the community, including the Area Housing Authority and homeowner association representatives. It is our belief that the Community Prosecution Program provides the city of Thousand Oaks with enhanced educational and legal expertise to improve the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

The Community Prosecutor Program ensures that the assigned deputy district attorney is aware of the cumulative effect of minor criminal behavior on specific neighborhoods in the city, as well as on local school grounds. The City of Thousand Oaks and the District Attorney's Office believe that the project's benefits warrant continued financial and programmatic support. The term of the agreement has been amended between the City of Thousand Oaks and the County of Ventura with effective dates of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and will provide the District Attorney with the net cost of the project's assigned Deputy District Attorney's salary and benefits in the amount of \$115,500 for .60 FTE. The revenue and costs associated with this program have been included in the FY 2009/10 adopted budget. This is an ongoing agreement and has been included on the list of recurring funding for the fiscal year. The City of Thousand Oaks is requesting a certified copy of the Amended Agreement between the City and the Board of Supervisors in this matter. I respectfully urge your continued support of this very important program and your approval of this request.

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This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Michael R. Jump, Director of Fiscal/Administrative/Legislative Services, at 477-1677.

Very truly yours,



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