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April 24, 2012

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Re: Approval of Fiscal Year 2011/12 Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Spending Plan – District Attorney's Office

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the District Attorney's proposed FY 2011/12 COPS spending plan so that the Auditor-Controller can disburse funds to the District Attorney following certification of the approved plan by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) – Trust Fund #6570-7922
Funding Match Required:	None
Summary of Revenue/Costs:	<u>FY 2011/12</u>
Revenue:	\$243,614
Costs:	\$243,614
Indirect - Dept.	Minimal
Indirect - County	Minimal
Total Net Cost:	\$0.00

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Current FY 2011/2012 Budget Projection for DAO/ 3403:

	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Deficit/Savings
Appropriations	\$27,662,529	\$28,959,559	\$28,007,727	\$951,832
Revenue	\$8,208,918	\$8,814,842	\$8,508,703	\$(306,139)
Net Cost	\$19,453,611	\$20,144,717	\$19,499,024	\$645,693



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DISCUSSION:

COPS funds totaling \$243,614 have been allocated for the District Attorney's Office. Before the Auditor can disburse these funds, COPS legislation (SB 736, 2001) requires your Board to approve a spending plan and certification of the plan's approval by the Supplemental Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (SLEOC). These state funds are being held in trust until such approval and SLEOC review have occurred. (See Gov. Code, § 30061, subds. (a) and (b).) The recommended action is for your Board to approve the spending plan proposed herein so that the Auditor can disburse the funds to the District Attorney after SLEOC certifies receipt of the approved plan and upon presentation of documented expenditures by the District Attorney.

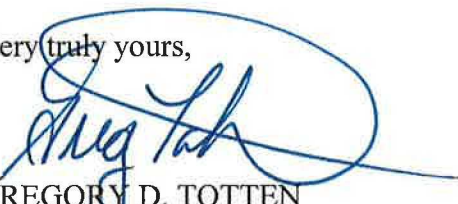
COPS SPENDING PLAN FOR FY 2011/12

The \$243,614 in available COPS funding will be used to combat gang violence, sexual assaults, and homicides by prosecuting such crimes, including death penalty cases. The funds primarily will be used to employ new and existing attorneys to address workload increases in these areas. This plan is consistent with plans from prior fiscal years that were approved by your Board.

Upon your approval of the spending plan, I will request that the \$243,614 in COPS trust funds incorporated into the District Attorney's FY 2011/12 budget be disbursed by the Auditor from the trust account following SLEOC certification and upon my presentation of documented expenditures in conformance with the plan.

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

Very truly yours,



GREGORY D. TOTTEN
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pc: Michael Powers, County Executive Officer
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