



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: February 27, 2024
To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors
From: Ray Buenaventura, Chief Public Defender
Subject: Consideration of Workplan for the Public Defender’s Office

Executive Summary:

In 2023, the Lake County Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of a statutory Public Defender’s Office in Lake County (CA Govt Code Section 27706). I was honored to be appointed Chief Public Defender by your Board on October 16, 2023.

During your February 27 meeting, I will present a work plan that addresses several elements, including the Purpose of the Public Defender’s office and immediate areas of emphasis, makeup of the Public Defender Oversight Committee, Staffing Plan, Hiring Strategy, and a few notes on how Conflicts will be handled.

The attached slides offer further details, for the public and your Board’s inspection and review.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Purchasing Considerations (check all that apply):

Not applicable

- Fully Article X. <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI>- and/or Consultant Selection Policy <http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Policy/Policies+26+Procedures+Manual/Ch4_2021v2.pdf>-Compliant (describe process undertaken in “Executive Summary”)
- Section 2-38 <https://library.municode.com/ca/lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=COOR_CH2AD_ARTXPU_S2-38EXCOBI> Exemption from Competitive Bidding (rationale in “Executive Summary,” attach documentation, as needed)
- For Technology Purchases: Vetted and Supported by the Technology Governance Committee <<http://lcnet.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Intranet/Intranet+Forms/Information+Technology/AdvPlan.pdf>> (“Yes,” if checked)
- Other (Please describe in Executive Summary)

Consistency with Vision 2028 <<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory/Administration/Visioning/Vision2028.htm>>

(check all that apply):

- Well-being of Residents
- Economic Development
- Community Collaboration
- Not applicable
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure
- Business Process Efficiency
- Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery
- County Workforce
- Clear Lake

Recommended Action:

Informational report. Consider Direction to Staff.

