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Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Transfer of funds

Dear Chair Wormhoudt:

As you are aware, Government Code § 29400 requires that each county establish a special fund for the District Attorney. Government Code §29404 authorizes the District Attorney to expend these funds on expenses incurred in criminal and civil cases. Under Government Code Section § 2940 1, your Board is required to appropriate a minimum of \$5,000. The statute further allows for the transfer of additional funds. For this year, your Board appropriated \$10,000 to the District Attorney for these purposes. As you are aware, the Auditor-Controller audits the fund annually.

We are currently facing a critical need for additional special funds due to the inordinately large number of expenses paid in gang-related cases for several witnesses in protective custody. Although the State reimburses the County for costs associated with protective custody, it can take up to three months before we receive payment from the State. We can alleviate this situation if your Board authorizes the Auditor-Controller to transfer \$5,000 from the jury and witness fees account to the special fund account. Sufficient funds are available to support this transfer.

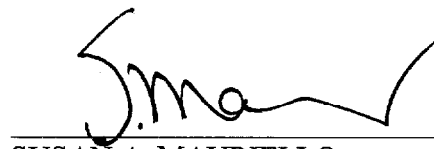
It is therefore recommended that your Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to transfer \$5,000 from the Jury and Witness Fees sub-object to the Special Fund sub-object.

Very truly yours ,

RECOMMENDED:

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