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May 11, 2000

BOARD AGENDA: May 23, 2000

The Honorable Mardi Wormhoudt, Chairperson
 and Members of the Board of Supervisors
 Governmental Center
 701 Ocean Street, Room 500
 Santa Cruz, California 95060

RE: FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 CHILD ABUSER VERTICAL PROSECUTION
 PROGRAM
 (CAVP)

Dear Chairperson Wormhoudt and Members of the Board:

We are currently in the process of re-applying to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for fiscal year 2000-2001 funding for our Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution Program. As part of the re-application process, we are requesting your Board to adopt a Resolutions ratifying our grant application.

The District Attorney's Office is eligible to receive \$150,000 from OCJP to administer a Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution Program (CAVP) in Santa Cruz County during fiscal year 2000-2001. The District Attorney's Office has been a recipient of CAVP grant funds since 1986 and has received a total of \$1,560,000 to finance an Assistant District Attorney and part of an inspector position to investigate and vertically prosecute the most serious child sexual abuse cases occurring in our community.

The purpose of this program is to (1) investigate and prosecute child sexual assault cases as aggressively and effectively as possible, (2) take all appropriate steps to minimize trauma to child sexual assault victims, and (3) secure the most appropriate sentences for

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child abusers. The program will target individuals who commit any of the following acts against children in our community: rape, rape in concert (as defined in Penal Code Section 264.1), incest, sodomy, oral copulation, genital or anal penetration by a foreign object, lewd or lascivious acts (as defined in Penal Code Section 288), and child molestation (as defined in Penal Code Section 647.6). The program will be implemented in the District Attorney's Office and will employ "true vertical" prosecution techniques. It will be staffed by a highly qualified attorney and investigator.

A copy of our grant application will be placed on file for your review with the Clerk of the Board. We will continue to notify your Board of any changes to the fiscal year 2000-2001 CAVP grant applications in accordance with applicable County procedures.

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD adopt Resolutions authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for fiscal year 2000-2001 Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution funding.

Sincerely,


RONALD L. RUIZ
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.
On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REAPPLICATION FOR FUNDS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 FOR A CHILD ABUSER VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County desires to undertake a certain project designated the Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution Program, to be funded in part from funds made available through the Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution Program (CAVP) administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (hereafter referred to as OCJP).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AND ORDERS that the District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz is authorized, on its behalf to submit an application for state funds for a Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution Program to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning and is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County the attached Grant Award Agreement, including any extensions or amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body;

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OCJP disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this day of _____ 2000, by the following vote:

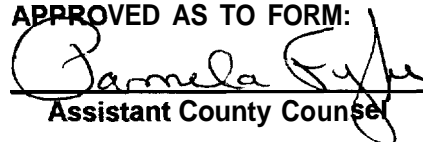
VOTE.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

MARDI WORMHOUDT
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Assistant County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: District Attorney
 County Counsel
 Auditor, CAO