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August 15, 2000

BOARD AGENDA: September 12, 2000

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Governmental Center
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, California 95060

RE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 STATE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM

Dear Members of the Board:

Santa Cruz County has been receiving funds for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program since 1993 from the State Department of Insurance. The District Attorney is requesting your Board's authorization to reapply to the State Department of Insurance for \$67,775.26 in FY 2000-2001 to continue in the office's efforts to investigate and prosecute automobile insurance fraud cases. Based upon a reassessment of staffing, we've reduced the percentage of attorney time from 25% to 13%, increased inspector time from 25% to 50%, and reduced the legal secretary time from 20% to 0%. The receipt of these insurance fraud funds and the expenditure of said funds for program purposes were anticipated and approved in the county budget for FY 2000-2001. The statutory authority authorizing the Department of Insurance to provide funding for Automobile Insurance Fraud investigations and prosecutions is contained in California Insurance Code Section 1872.8, California Code of Regulations Subchapter 9, Article 4, Section 2698.65.

Staffing and essential operating expenses which are required for this program leave sufficient funds available for the recovery of indirect overhead costs. Thus, we are able to include recovery of indirect overhead charges from the Department of Insurance for our investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud cases.

A copy of our reapplication 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 State Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program.

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IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the State Department of Insurance for \$67,775.26 in fiscal year 2000-2001 Automobile Insurance Fraud funds; and
2. Include the requirement for the recovery of indirect costs from the Department of Insurance for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program in fiscal year 2000-2001, pursuant to County Procedure Section 900A.3.

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO APPLY FOR FUNDS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 FOR AN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County desires to undertake a certain project designated the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program, to be funded from funds made available through Chapter 1222 (SB 953), Statutes of 1991 administered by the California Department of Insurance.

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 an Automobile Insurance Fraud Program to the California Department of Insurance and is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County a 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;

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:

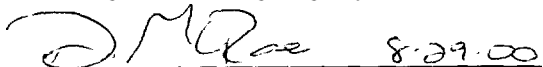
ABSENT :

ABSTAIN:

MARDI WORMHOUDT
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

ATTEST : _____
Clerk of Said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 8-29-00
Assistant County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: District Attorney
County Counsel
Auditor, CAO

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