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September 13, 2000

BOARD AGENDA: September 26, 2000

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

RE: DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 STATE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM

Dear Members of the Board:

This is to request your Board's authorization to reapply to the State Department of Insurance for \$132,475.27 in FY 2000-2001 to support the efforts of this office in the investigation and prosecution of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud cases. 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 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud investigations and prosecutions is contained in SB 1218 (Chapter 1 IS), Statutes of 1991. The District Attorney's Office has participated in this program each fiscal year since 1992.

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 workers' compensation 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 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program.

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Honorable Jeff Almquist, Chairperson and Members of the Board of Supervisors September 13, 2000 Page 2

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board

- 1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the State Department of Insurance for \$132,475.27 in fiscal year 2000-2001 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud funds; and
- 2. Include the requirement for the recovery of indirect costs from the State Department of Insurance for the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program in fiscal year 2000-2001, pursuant to County Procedure Section 900A.3.

Respectfully,

RONALD L. RUIZ

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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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 A WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM **ADMINISTERED** BY **THE** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Santa **Cruz** County &sires to undertake a certain project designated the Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, to be funded in part from funds made available through California Insurance Code Section 1872.83, California Code of Regulations Subchapter 9, Article 3, Section 2698.55 and administered by the California Department of Insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AND ORDER8 that the District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz is authorized, on its behalf to submit an application for state funds for a Workers' Compensation 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 AND ORDERED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Santa Cruz, State of California, following vote:	
VOTE : AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
	MARDI WORMHOUDT CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD
ATTEST : Clerk of Said Board	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	

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DISTRIBUTION:

Assistant County Counsel

District Attorney County Counsel Auditor, CAO