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## **County of Santa Cruz**

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May 17, 2001 **BOARD AGENDA: June 5, 2001** 

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

RE: FISCAL YEARS 2001-2004 VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER/VICTIM COMPENSATION AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS BOARD JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Dear Members of the Board:

We are currently in the process of re-applying to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) for fiscal years 2001-2004 funding for our Victims of Crime Compensation Program. In the upcoming three fiscal years, Santa Cruz County is eligible to receive \$678,969 from VCGCB to implement the Victims of Crime Compensation Program under the Joint Powers Agreement.

This will be the fifteenth year that we have received VCGCB funds under a Joint Powers Agreement which substantially finances the salary, benefits and operating expenses of the Victim-Witness Assistance Center compensation claims staff.

These revenues are the predominant financing source for the Victim Witness Program. There is an approximate \$50,000 net county cost which represents 13% of the overall program budget.

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□ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR PO BOX 1159 420 MAY AVENUE SANTA CRUZ, CA 95061 (831) 454-2442 (831) 454-3752 FAX A copy of our Joint Powers Agreement 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 years 2001-2004 Joint Powers Agreement in accordance with applicable County procedures.

## THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to reapply to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for funding of our Victim-Witness Assistance Center Victims of Crime Compensation Program for fiscal years 2001-2004;
- 2. Include the requirement for the recovery of indirect costs from the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for the operation of the Victim-Witness Assistance Center Victims of Crime Compensation Program in fiscal years 2001-2004, pursuant to County Procedure Section 900A.3.

Sincerely,

KATHRYN CANLIS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RECOMMÉNDED:

SUSAN A. MAÚRIELLO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor duly seconded by Supervisor the following resolution is adopted

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has designated the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center as the provider of major and comprehensive victim and witness services in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has selected the Santa Cruz County Victim/Witness Assistance Center to receive "joint powers" monies for the purpose of verification of victim claims;

WHEREAS, the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has allocated \$678,969 for fiscal years 2001-2004 for the Santa Cruz County Victim/Witness Assistance Center for this specific task;

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 a Joint Powers Agreement to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to receive monies to operate a Victim Assistance Center, and is further authorized to sign for the purposes of making any extensions or amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant local funds that would, in the absence of the California Victim/Witness Assistance Program, be made available to support assistance to the victims of crime.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising from the Center's operations or services rendered pursuant to this contract, including civil court actions for damages shall be the responsibility of the grantee and the authorizing agency, except that the State Board of Control shall be responsible for any and all damages arising from or connected with its acts or omissions under the contract.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Sur of California, this day of	pervisors of the County of Santa <b>Cruz</b> , State 2001, by the following vote:
VOTE : AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:	
	TONY CAMPOS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD
ATTEST: Clerk of Said Board	CHAIRFERSON OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: District Attorney

County Counsel Auditor, CAO

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