



Board Agenda Item 26

DATE: November 16, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa A. Smittcamp, District Attorney

SUBJECT: District Attorney Waiver of Extra-Help Maximum Hour Limitation

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize a waiver of the 960 hours per calendar year 2021 maximum hours limitation for the Extra-Help position(s) listed on Attachment A, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Salary Resolution, section 1100 and Personnel Rules 2040 and 4240.

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with this action. Approval of the recommended action allows the District Attorney's Office (DA) to address operational needs to sustain essential services affecting public safety. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

The Board could opt not to approve the recommended action, resulting in additional staffing shortages to the core criminal units of the Office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for the positions and for any additional related costs are included in the FY 2021-22 Org 2860 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

On January 13, 2015 and June 7, 2016, your Board reiterated County policy that the use of Extra-Help employees should:

- be of limited duration;
- not be used as a first response to staffing requirements;
- not supplant work regularly performed by permanent employees; and
- only be used to meet the critical, seasonal, or temporary work needs of departments on a limited basis.

On June 7, 2016, your Board approved Salary Resolution Amendments that provided departments with the requested flexibility, while limiting the use of most Extra-Help employees. As provided in those Amendments, the DA is recommending a waiver of the 960-hour annual limitation for the positions listed on Attachment A due to the staffing needs.

Senior District Attorney Investigators are responsible for conducting complex and sensitive investigations to aid in the prosecution of criminal cases. The Extra-Help Senior District Attorney Investigators assigned to the

Domestic Violence Unit assist Deputy District Attorneys and permanent Senior District Attorney Investigators with the prosecution and reduction of domestic violence in the county, with criminal cases involving family crime, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. The duties of this position include collecting evidence, locating victims and witnesses, serving subpoenas for trial, and serving body attachments for uncooperative witnesses.

Your Board's approval of the recommended action will allow the positions listed in Attachment A in the DA to exceed the annual maximum hour limitation for Calendar Year 2021.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #37, June 7, 2016
BAI #19, January 13, 2015

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Attachment A

CAO ANALYST:

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