



# County of Fresno

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## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 18-1209 **Name:** Request to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s)

**In control:** Human Resources

**On agenda:** 11/6/2018 **Final action:** 11/6/2018

**Enactment date:** **Enactment #:** Agreement No. 18-623, Agreement No. 18-624, Agreement No. 18-625, Agreement No. 18-626

**Title:** Approve and authorize Chairman to execute Agreement to Defend Public Officers or Employees for: Margaret Mims, Sheriff, Edward Mayo, Sheriff's Sergeant, John Zaroni, Assistant Sheriff, Stephen Wilkins, Undersheriff, Christopher Torres, Sheriff's Lieutenant and Kevin Lolkus, Sheriff's Lieutenant, as named in Fresno County Superior Court Case No: 18CECG02795, Christine Versola v. County of Fresno, et al.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Agenda Item, 2. Agreement A-18-623 to Defend Public Officer or Employee Mims, 3. Agreement A-18-624 to Defend Public Officer or Employee Mayo, 4. Agreement A-18-625 to Defend Public Officer or Employee Zaroni, 5. Agreement A-18-626 to Defend Public Officer or Employee Wilkins, 6. Agreement A-18-627 to Defend Public Officer or Employee Torres, 7. Agreement A-18-628 to Defend Public Officer or Employee Lolkus

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/6/2018	1	Board of Supervisors	Conducted Hearings	Pass

**DATE:** November 6, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBMITTED BY:** Paul Nerland, Director of Human Resources

**SUBJECT:** Request to Defend Public Officers or Employees

### RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve and authorize Chairman to execute Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for the employee(s) listed below:**

**Name of Officer(s)/  
Employee(s)**

**Position**

**Title of Action**

Margaret Mims

Sheriff

Christine Versola

v

Edward Mayo

Sheriff's Sergeant  
Sheriff's Department

County of Fresno, et al.

John Zaroni

Assistant Sheriff  
Sheriff's Department

Stephen Wilkins

Undersheriff

	Sheriff's Department
Christopher Torres	Sheriff's Lieutenant Sheriff's Department
Kevin Lolkus	Sheriff's Lieutenant Sheriff's Department

**Description:**

Claimant alleges invasion of privacy by the Internal Affairs Bureau in the Sheriff's Department, which is the proximate cause of the claimant's bodily injuries/damages.

Fresno County Claim No.: 9823 Fresno County Superior Court Case No.18CECG02795  
Claimant: Christine Versola

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

No alternative action is available as Article 4 (commencing with section 825), Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code requires the County indemnify its public employees.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds to finance the cost of defense are contained in the Risk Management Internal Services Fund. Defense costs are supported by annual budgetary contributions based on actuarial projections.

**DISCUSSION:**

The California Government Code requires the County to defend its officer(s) and/or employees(s) who are sued because of their actions while in the course and scope of employment. The County may require officer(s) and/or employee(s) to agree that the County's rights under the law are protected.

In the above-mentioned action, the officer(s) and/or employee(s) who have been named in the suit have requested the County to provide legal defense. The necessary agreement to protect the County's rights has been signed by said officer(s) and/or employee(s) and is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:**

On file with Clerk - Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for Margaret Mims with Exhibit "A" Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

On file with Clerk - Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for Edward Mayo with Exhibit "A" Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

On file with Clerk - Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for John Zanoni with Exhibit "A" Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

On file with Clerk - Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for Stephen Wilkins with Exhibit "A" Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

On file with Clerk - Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for Christopher Torres with Exhibit "A" Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

On file with Clerk - Agreement to Defend Public Officer(s) or Employee(s) for Kevin Lolkus with Exhibit "A"  
Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

CAO ANALYST:

Juan Lopez