

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**November 4, 2025**

**FROM**

**LAURA FEINGOLD, County Counsel**

**SUBJECT**

Authorization to Increase Purchase Order with Miller Barondess, LLP for Specialized Legal Services

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Authorize the Purchasing Agent to increase Purchase Order No. 4100422046 with Miller Barondess, LLP by \$300,000 from \$200,000 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000, to continue specialized legal services in connection with the federal court action titled *William Richards, et al. v. County of San Bernardino, et al.* (Four votes required).  
(Presenter: Laura Feingold, County Counsel, 387-5455)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Sufficient appropriation has been included in the 2025-26 Risk Management budget (7310004096) and will be included in future recommended budgets, as necessary.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The recommended purchase order increase will allow the County to continue using Miller Barondess, LLP to represent the County in the lawsuit titled, *William Richards, et al. v. County of San Bernardino, et al.*, United States District Court case number 5:18-cv-01121, to challenge a jury verdict and court rulings with post-trial motions and potentially an appellate challenge.

On July 16, 2025, the Purchasing Department approved Purchase Order No. (PO) 4100422046 in the amount of \$200,000 to retain Miller Barondess LLP to provide specialized legal services. PO 4100422046 has been fully expended. Outside counsel projects costs for this matter will be approximately \$300,000 through the end of the fiscal year 2025-26.

Pursuant to Title 1, division 2, Chapter 19, section 12.1908 of the County Code and County Policy 11-04, County Counsel is authorized to select and retain, through a Purchase Order, specialized legal counsel for a particular matter not-to-exceed \$200,000 per fiscal year. Contracts for specialized legal services in excess of \$200,000 per fiscal year require four votes approval from the Board of Supervisors per Government Code section 25203.

**PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable

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**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Laura Feingold, County Counsel, 387-5455) on October 10, 2025; Risk Management (Celina Arce, Senior Accountant, 386-8741) on October 10, 2025, Purchasing (Jessica Barajas, Supervising Buyer, 387-2065) on October 10, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Penelope Chang, Principal Administrative Analyst, 387-4886) on October 10, 2025.

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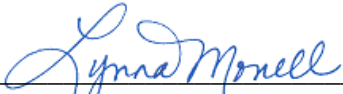
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**APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)**

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY   
DATED: November 4, 2025



cc: File - County Counsel w/general  
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