



AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: December 5, 2017

Date: November 27, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Amy S. Nilsen, County Administrative Officer *ASN*

Subject: Appointment of Interim Public Defender

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the resignation of David Marcus, Public Defender, effective November 22, 2017; and
2. Appoint Kaleb Cockrum to the position of Public Defender on an interim basis, retroactive to Dec. 4, 2017, and continuing until appointment of a permanent Public Defender is made, or other solution is identified.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund

DISCUSSION:

David Marcus is no longer working as the county's Public Defender effective November 22, 2017, which is the date he tendered his resignation. At this time, staff recommends accepting the resignation and that the Supervising Attorney for Conflict Counsel Kaleb Cockrum be appointed to the position on an interim basis and continuing until a permanent appointment is made, or other solution is identified.

Prepared by Amy S. Nilsen CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel _____	Human Resources _____	Other _____
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor _____ Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The salary for the Public Defender is currently budgeted in the Public Defender budget (1100-219) for fiscal year 2017-18. The current salary for the Public Defender is \$12,511 per month.

This conforms to your Board's Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives, by providing core services in a ways that safeguard the public trust through investing in county employees.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Public Defender Office

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could decline to appoint Mr. Cockrum and select another individual as Interim Public Defender.

ATTACHMENTS: None.