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March 18, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Ste. 627
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Board Members:

Approve Settlement of Legal Action Entitled April Van Dyke v. Office of the Public Defender, et al.; Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWT-2019-15620 in the Total Amount of \$250,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the settlement of the legal action entitled April Van Dyke v. Office of the Public Defender, et al.; Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWT-2019-15620 in the total amount of \$250,000.

Reason for Recommendation

Plaintiff April Van Dyke was a Deputy Public Defender with the Office of the Public Defender. She claims during her employment she was subjected to offensive comments and actions with regard to her sexual orientation. She filed suit for sexual discrimination, harassment, and other claims seeking damages for emotional distress, wage loss, and attorney's fees.

While the County disputes these claims, it has been determined that timely economic resolution together with release of any and all potential claims is in the best interests of the County. Pursuant to the authority previously rendered by the Board, the Office of the

County Counsel has negotiated a settlement of this case in the amount of \$250,000.

Fiscal Impact

The sum of \$250,000 will be paid out of the General Liability Self-Insurance Trust Fund.

Action to be Taken Following Approval

The County Auditor-Controller is to draw a warrant payable as follows:

“The Bohm Law Group, Inc. and April Van Dyke” in the amount of \$250,000.

Very truly yours,

KRISTEN M. HEGGE
Chief Deputy County Counsel

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c: Board Clerk for Agenda March 26, 2024
Board of Supervisors
County Administrator

Reviewed by County Administrator's Office:

Reviewed by County Counsel's Office:

Kristen Santo 3/22/2024

Edward Kiernan 3/21/2024

Before the Board of Supervisors

County of San Joaquin, State of California

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Approve Settlement of Legal Action Entitled April Van Dyke v. Office of the Public Defender, et al.; Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWT-2019-15620 in the Total Amount of \$250,000.

THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY approve the settlement of the legal action entitled April Van Dyke v. Office of the Public Defender, et al.; Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWT-2019-15620 in the total amount of \$250,000.

FURTHER, it is ordered that the Auditor-Controller is to draw a warrant as follows:

“The Bohm Law Group, Inc. and April Van Dyke” in the amount of \$250,000.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on _____ by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

MOTION:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: RACHÉL DeBORD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin
State of California



By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Attachment: Board Order (CC - Approve Settlement of April Van Dyke v. Office of the Public Defender, et al.)