

1 [Public Defender Requisition Request]

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3 **Resolution granting the Office of the Public Defender’s requisitions # P8023/1103021**
4 **and P8024/1103124.**

5 WHEREAS, The Office of the Public Defender submitted two requisitions that were
6 rejected by the Mayor’s Office requesting approval for two new employees (entry level 8173)
7 to replace two vacancies created by the resignation of one legal assistant and the ADA
8 replacement of another legal assistant; and,

9 WHEREAS, The department has sufficient monies in its current budget to hire two
10 legal assistants under 8173; and,

11 WHEREAS, Leaving the positions unfilled will result in attorneys prioritizing which
12 critical aspects of trial and case preparation can be “completed later” and which are most
13 urgent for the paralegal, whose workload has increased 35%, to complete; and,

14 WHEREAS, Without adequate resources, the attorney will be performing paralegal
15 duties at a much higher salary; and,

16 WHEREAS, Without adequate paralegal support, cases are delayed, incarceration
17 periods and case dispositions are increased, all resulting in increased costs due to the
18 delays; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Board may grant approval of the requisition as per Section 1.1D of
20 the 2008/09 Annual Salary Ordinance; and, now, therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED**, The Board of Supervisors approves Requisitions #P8023/1103021 and
22 P8024/1103124 allowing the Office of the Public Defender to fill its empty staff positions.

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