

1 [Public Defender Requisition Request]

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3 **Motion granting the Office of the Public Defender's Requisition #PE4018/1074384.**

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5 WHEREAS, The Office of the Public Defender submitted a requisition that was
6 rejected by the Mayor's Office requesting approval for a new employee (entry level 8174) to
7 replace a vacancy created by the resignation of a misdemeanor attorney; and

8 WHEREAS, The department has sufficient monies in its current budget to hire an
9 attorney under 8174; and

10 WHEREAS, The unfilled position has created a caseload of 225 unassigned cases,
11 leaving 225 clients without representation; and

12 WHEREAS, Leaving the requisition unfilled would require the department to assign
13 private attorneys to the 225 cases, resulting in an approximate cost to the City of \$112,500 in
14 attorney fees; and

15 WHEREAS, The department will be forced to reduce 7% of its current misdemeanor
16 caseload, bringing the entire cost to the City to approximately \$419,000 annually; and

17 WHEREAS, The annual cost of filling an entry level attorney position is \$69,160; and

18 WHEREAS, The City would incur \$531,500 in costs if the Public Defender declares
19 itself unavailable in 1,063 cases (1,063 cases X \$500); and

20 WHEREAS, The Board may grant approval of the requisition as per Section 1.1D of
21 the 2003/04 Annual Salary Ordinance; now, therefore, be it

22 **MOVED**, That the Board of Supervisors approves **Requisition #PE4018/1074384**
23 allowing the Office of the Public Defender to fill its empty staff position.

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