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**TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors**  
**FROM: Lauren Featherstone, Administrative & Fiscal Officer II**  
**DATE: July 28, 2020**  
**SUBJECT: Agreement between the Placer County District Attorney's Office and the California Department of Justice**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the ninth amendment with the California Department of Justice for forensic alcohol testing, toxicological drug and solid dose analysis, approve the reimbursement of a criminalist for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$130,836, and authorize the District Attorney to sign.

**BACKGROUND**

The District Attorney's Office contracts with the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for drug and alcohol testing services. DOJ provides our office with solid dosage analysis, issues reports of those analyses and testifies in court when necessary. These services are necessary in order to determine if a suspect was under the influence of a controlled substance, as well as determining what type of substance may have caused the impairment.

For over nine years, our office has paid for one full time criminalist to handle our drug and alcohol testing services. This MOU represents the current cost of one full time Senior Criminalist for fiscal year 2020-2021. The total amount is \$130,836, which represents approximately an 8% increase from the last fiscal year. This amendment to the MOU is for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The terms and conditions of the existing MOU expired on June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no new County cost associated with this agreement. The costs associated with this MOU are included in the District Attorney's FY 2020-2021 Budget.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMENDMENT 9**

**BETWEEN THE**

**COUNTY OF PLACER**

**PLACER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**And**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA THROUGH THE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
(BUREAU OF FORENSIC SERVICES)**

**FOR ANALYSIS OF SOLID DOSAGE DRUG SAMPLES**

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Bureau of Forensic Services

This ninth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the analysis of solid dosage drug samples between the State of California, through the California Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Forensic Services, and the County of Placer shall entered into on the first day of July 2020.

This ninth amendment is for a time extension through June 30, 2021, from the first amendment of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and an increase in the annual cost for a criminalist. The first amendment applied the annual cost of a Criminalist Range C and benefits only, as \$109,152.00 ( $\$109,152/12=\$9,096$  per month). This dollar amount will need to be increased to cover the annual cost of a Senior Criminalist. The annual cost and benefits only for an entry level Senior Criminalist is \$130,836.00 ( $\$130,836.00 / 12 = \$10,903.00$  per month). This time extension and increase in annual cost

reimbursement of the ninth amendment to \$130,836.00 will allow DOJ to continue the scope and services previously specified. The terms and conditions of the original MOU, other than the new dates, and increase to annual cost of a Senior Criminalist shall remain in effect until June 30, 2021. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU AMENDMENT on the day and year first hereinabove written.

COUNTY OF PLACER

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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