

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE SAN MATEO HEALTH CAMPUS UPGRADE PROJECT BUDGET FROM \$120,000,000 TO \$145,000,000 TO FUND THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND MORGUE RELOCATION AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROJECT CONTINGENCY

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, in January 2017, the County Manager's Office formed the Project Development Unit (PDU) to oversee and manage County ground-up construction projects; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, this Board held a study session to consider capital projects recommended in County feasibility and master plan studies as efficient and responsible long-term responses to, *inter alia*: (1) the County's significant use of leased space; (2) the County's reliance on increasingly aged and outdated facilities; (3) costly mandatory seismic retrofitting compliance work required for existing facilities; (4) public accessibility and navigational challenges in utilization of County services and facilities; and (5) locational, service, and programming improvements necessary to better serve County residents; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 2017 study session, this Board directed staff to pursue several capital projects, including the San Mateo Health Campus Project (Health Campus Project); and

WHEREAS, the Health Campus Project includes demolition of the Campus Administration Building, which houses the County Coroner's Morgue; and

WHEREAS, in August 2018, the Board authorized a budget of \$120,000,000 for the Health Campus Project, however, when this budget was set, it did not include funds for Morgue relocation as staff had not yet determined where it should be located; and

WHEREAS, following approval of the Health Campus Project, a multi-departmental work group that included staff from the Coroner's Office, the PDU, Real Property Services, and the County Manager's Office (CMO), evaluated potential locations for Morgue and found that: (1) relocation to private facilities was not viable; (2) alternative County locations were not suitable or cost-effective; and (3) consolidating all of the Coroner's facilities at the San Mateo County Health Campus would result in substantial cost savings, operational efficiencies, and construction efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the PDU solicited conceptual designs for consolidation of the Coroner's facilities from the Taylor Designs, the architect of record for the Health Campus Project, which has experience designing morgue facilities and Taylor Design produced and presented early conceptual designs to the Coroner, CMO, and PDU; and

WHEREAS, the conceptual designs reflect morgue facilities that would occupy a portion of the ground floor of the new administration building; and

WHEREAS, the new Morgue would have specialized equipment meeting prevailing industry standards and would utilize specialized mechanical, air, and plumbing systems suitable for coroner operations; and

WHEREAS, the Coroner's offices and family grieving and reception area would be located on the same campus in a building linked to the administration building,

allowing for more efficient operations and single point of contact for law enforcement and decedents' families; and

WHEREAS, based on the current preliminary design, project timing, and projected construction and materials costs, including costs of installing modernized forensic facilities equipment, staff estimates that the cost of incorporating the Coroner's facilities into the Health Campus project is \$16,000,000; and

WHEREAS, additional project contingency is necessary due to escalating construction costs, the likelihood of encountering concealed or unknown conditions, and the need for increased Owner's bid-contingency in this construction market; and

WHEREAS, staff therefore recommends that this Board approve the attached resolution to increase the budget for the Health Campus Project by that amount, to fund the design and delivery of the Coroner's Facilities and to provide additional general project contingency; and

WHEREAS, approval of these actions will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Collaborative and Safe Community by advancing this project that will provide regional benefits to San Mateo County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing an increase of the budget for the San Mateo Health Campus Upgrade Project from \$120,000,000 to \$145,000,000 to address Coroner's Office and Morgue relocation as well as additional overall project contingency.

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