

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A) A SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH FORENSIC DOCTORS GROUP, PC, OWNED BY DR. MICHAEL D. HUNTER, M.D. (“FDG”), TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$75,000 TO \$669,000; AND

B) A SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RAVEN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY & AUTOPSY SERVICES, OWNED BY DR. KATHERINE RAVEN, M.D. (“RAVEN”), TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$75,000 TO \$352,500

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

WHEREAS, the Coroner’s Office is required by statute to investigate and determine the cause and manner of death in all violent, sudden, or unusual deaths in the County of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, the Coroner’s Office contracts with forensic pathologists board-certified by the American Board of Forensic Medicine, of which there are currently less than 500 practicing in the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 077191, this Board approved a new model for the provision of forensic pathology services in the County; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 077579, this Board increased the not-to-exceed amount for existing forensic pathology contracts with Forensic Doctors Group, PC (“FDG”) to \$594,000.00 and with Dr. Katherine Raven (“Raven”) to \$277,500.00, and extended the term of both agreements to June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Coroner's Office has experienced an unanticipated increase in cases and related forensic pathology services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a homicide rate that doubled from the previous year, and an increase in suicides and fentanyl and illicit drug-related overdoses; and

WHEREAS, the cost of forensic pathology services provided by FDG and Raven has been greater than anticipated and will exceed the amended not-to-exceed amounts in their current respective agreements; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to increase the not-to-exceed amount for each of the above agreements by an additional \$75,000, for a combined amount of \$150,000.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board authorizes the San Mateo County Coroner, or designee(s), to execute a second amendment of the agreement with FDG increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$75,000 to \$669,000, and to execute a second amendment of the agreement with Raven increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$75,000 to \$352,500. All other terms and conditions of both the agreement with FDG and the agreement with Raven will remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Coroner, or designee(s), is authorized to execute further amendments to each of the above agreements which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate) and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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