

April 17, 2007

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Department of Health and Human Services, Social Services Division, Special Investigations Unit (SIU): Recommendation to conduct First Reading and schedule Hearing for the attached Ordinance.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Conduct First Reading of the attached Ordinance making the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) "Peace Officers Standards and Training" (POST) certified;
2. Schedule Hearing for May 8, 2007 at 11:00 am.

SUMMARY: The attached Ordinance (Attachment A) reflects the recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services to make SIU a POST certified organization. Meeting the POST certification requirements will increase the skills, qualifications, knowledge and professionalism of SIU personnel through additional education and training opportunities available to POST certified organizations. The POST certification will provide additional resources the SIU can leverage in providing services. In addition, SIU affiliation with POST will greatly assist SIU personnel in keeping current on laws, legislation, regulations and ordinances.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: The goal of the proposed ordinance is to: (1) increase the skills of SIU employees; (2) enhance the resources available to SIU; and (3) increase the quality of services provided by SIU with no financial impact to the County. The adoption of this ordinance will not have any FTE impact on the SIU program and will aid in the retention and recruitment of SIU employees.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: There is no net County cost associated with this action.

REVIEWED BY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auditor-Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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