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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Approve Delegation of Authority for a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Clara Unified School District--Santa Clara Adult Education

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve delegation of authority to the Director of the Social Services Agency, or designee to negotiate, execute, amend and terminate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Santa Clara Unified School District - Santa Clara Adult Education (SCUSD-SCAE) relating to the utilization of space for the Living Without Violence Program for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the County General Fund associated with the signing of this MOU. This MOU does not involve the exchange of funds.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The Social Services Agency (SSA) has had Memoranda of Understanding with Santa Clara Unified School District in prior years for the use of space to conduct the Living Without Violence workshops.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the Board of Supervisors policy for entering into agreements, SSA is requesting delegation of authority to enter into a MOU with SCUSD-SCAE for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. The SSA has had an ongoing partnership with SCUSD-SCAE for the utilization of space for the Living Without Violence workshops. SCUSD-SCAE is requesting a formal document for auditing purposes.

BACKGROUND

Domestic Violence is one of four major risk factors for children entering the child welfare system. Since 1998, the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) has been providing The Living Without Violence certified 52-week batterers intervention program. Vital to the success rate of the program, it is pertinent that DFCS provide a consistent meeting place for participants involved in the child welfare system.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Negative action may result in the SSA's inability to continue the 52-week batterers intervention program at SCUSD-SCAE. Additionally, SSA will not be able to provide SCUSD-SCAE with the requested document.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board will follow the usual steps for a transmittal of this type. The Social Services Agency Director, or designee will negotiate and execute a MOU with the SCUSD-SCAE and forward copies of the MOU to the Clerk of the Board within 30 days of execution.