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(Delivered via e-mail)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

After hearing about the December 8 meeting and the discussion surrounding my request for a conflict determination and appointment of counsel of my choice, I wanted to clarify the substance of the request and why it was made as it is apparent that it was not accurately represented at the meeting.

As you may recall, I notified you of my unavailability for the December 8th meeting on Tuesday, December 1st. I appreciate that Counsel Billingsley drafted and presented this item following my inquiry about process, though in retrospect, it was not the best option to let it be presented at a time that I was unavailable.

The request to have the Board declare a conflict was procedural in nature as outlined in California Government Code 31000.6. Simply put, it was the next step to take following multiple failed attempts to receive assistance or information from the County Counsel office. To clarify, **my request was not a threat of litigation by any means**. I have no intention to pursue litigation against the County and am only requesting that the Board declare a conflict per CA GC 31000.6 so that my office receives adequate assistance and representation.

If the Board determines that there is no conflict of interest, then the next step would be for me to make the same request of the presiding judge. Again, this is not a threat of litigation, it is only the next step in the procedure provided in CA GC 31000.6.

My request, of course, would be rendered moot if the investigation did not proceed.

I am available to speak with any of you regarding my request.

Sincerely,

Karen Paz Domínguez
Auditor-Controller

Cc: Amanda Loftis, Assistant Auditor-Controller