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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Aaron Johnson, Director, Office of Pretrial Services

RE: Off-Agenda Report regarding Pretrial Services Application for Pretrial Pilot
Program Enhancement Funding

DATE: June 24th, 2019

Background

As part of the Budget Act of 2019, the Legislature is considering the appropriation of \$75 million in one-time funding to the Judicial Council to fund the implementation, operation, and evaluation of programs or efforts related to pretrial decision-making in at least 10 courts. The Judicial Council released a Request for Applications (RFA) on May 20th, 2019. The application needs to be completed and submitted by July 2nd, 2019.

Pretrial Services Application

Pretrial Services, in collaboration with the Superior Court, completed a notice of intent to apply for the funding on June 7th, 2019. The goal of this application is to enhance our current Pretrial programming within our department and with the Superior Court. Our site provides all of the elements the Judicial Council has requested to be funded since we currently utilize a locally validated pretrial assessment, collect all the data elements requested, provide probable cause summary and release recommendations prearrest, and many other activities related to pretrial release decision making practices and supervision in the community. We have worked with the Superior Court to create a request of \$17 million for enhancements for our current process, which falls within the guidelines for funding allocations as we are within the large court category.

All submissions will be submitted and reviewed by the Pretrial Reform and Operations Workgroup (PROW). This group will make recommendations to the Judicial Council for aware consideration and approval on August 9th, 2019. If awarded, disbursement of funds would occur quarterly over the next two-year period to be fully expended and encumbered by June 30th, 2021.