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

From: Consuelo Hernandez, Director, Office of Supportive Housing (OSH)

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Subject: Request for Extension to Referral from the Board of Supervisors Meeting on
December 15, 2020 (Item No. 13)

At its December 15, 2020 (Item No. 13) meeting, the Board of Supervisors directed the Administration to make a recommendation relating to the expansion of investment in County nonprofit partners providing legal support services for residents impacted by an inability to pay rent. The Administration requests an extension to the March 23, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. Additional time is needed to ensure that the Administration's recommendations address the countywide needs and are connected to the implementation of the new Emergency Rental Assistance program.

The Administration through the Office of Supportive Housing has been meeting regularly with legal service providers to understand the existing workflow for families that need legal assistance because they are unable to pay their rent, identifying gaps within the existing system and developing recommendations to address the gaps.

Cc: Chief Board Aides
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