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Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Thomas Zeleny, Interim County Counsel
REPORT BY: Thomas Zeleny, Interim County Counsel
SUBJECT: Training on Closed Session and Confidentiality

RECOMMENDATION

Interim County Counsel will provide a brief training for the Board of Supervisors regarding closed session and confidentiality.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
Is the general fund affected? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3) because the activity is not a project pursuant to section 15378, and because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to section 15060(c)(1).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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