RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes  No)

For the past year Quinn Baranski has been handling virtually the entire criminal calendar. He has been working at a Chief Deputy District Attorney level, prosecuting major cases successfully. As an example, he recently obtained a guilty verdict on all five felony counts for which a defendant was charged.

Quinn Baranski has proved to be invaluable in assuring the smooth transition after the recent election.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mr. Baranski would move to the fourth step of the salary range.

COSTS:

( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $15,404
B. Total anticipated costs $15,404
C. Required additional funding $0
D. Internal transfers

SOURCE:

( ) 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues
B. Reserve for contingencies $0
C. Source description: Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $0

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

Letter of recommendation - 1
Letter of recommendation - 2

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No: 95-108
Vote: Ayes: 5
Absent: 0
Approved

The following instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

ATTEST: MARIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment:

A.O. Initials:
January 15, 1995

To whom it may concern,

We have known Quinn Baranski on a personal and professional level over the last two years. We know him to be a man of impeccable integrity and character.

Quinn is currently employed by the Mariposa County District Attorneys Office. One of his assignments is vertical prosecution of all drug related offenses, as it relates to a Office of Criminal Justice Planning grant. Quinn has excelled in performing this task.

We have always found Quinn to be thoroughly prepared to meet the demands and challenges of the courts calendar.

During his continued tenure with the District Attorneys Office, Quinn has been identified by those of us in the Criminal Justice System as an employee that works well with all components of the system, and has their full respect.

You will find Quinn to be qualified, competent and one who can think fast on his feet, make sound decisions and continually demonstrate his ability to apply common-sense and reasoning to the principles of his assignments.

We do not give personal recommendations lightly. We feel that in doing so, one puts their own integrity and credibility on the line. However, we make this recommendation without hesitation.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office, (209) 966-3615.

Respectfully,

Roger Matlock
Sheriff-Coroner

Pelk Richards
Undersheriff
The County Counsel
MARIPOSA COUNTY
March 13, 1995

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
Re: District Attorney’s Request Relative to Quinn Baranski

Dear Board Members:

As the Interim Personnel Director, I have the authority to allow a Department Head to advance an employee two steps rather than one at the employee’s anniversary date. In order to advance an employee more than two steps, the Department Head must receive approval by the Board of Supervisors. The District Attorney requested that I allow her to advance Mr. Baranski one step higher my authority permits, as she was unaware this would require Board approval. It is my understanding that Ms. Johnson has requested that approval and, therefore, this is a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve that advance step increase. Apparently, this advancement will not adversely impact the District Attorney’s budget.

I reviewed with the District Attorney Mr. Baranski’s contribution to the District Attorney’s office over the last year and particularly during the transition when Ms. Johnson was elected District Attorney. If I had the authority, there would be no question that I would advance Mr. Baranski the additional step given his contribution and the level at which he functions. As the Interim Personnel Director, I recommend that the Board approve the request of the District Attorney relative to Quinn Baranski’s advancement.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Jeffrey G. Green
County Counsel

Attachment 2