RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-185

MEETING: April 24, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas Cooke, District Attorney

RE: Three (3) Year Subscription Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Three (3) Year Subscription Agreement with Thomson Reuters for Internet Legal Research (Westlaw Proflex) for the period of June 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The current three (3) year contract with Thomason Reuters (Westlaw Next) expires on March 31, 2019; however, Thomason Rueters has improved the existing software and has renamed the program as Westlaw Proflex. By signing the new software contract and voiding the existing contract, our office will save approximately $1,500. If we choose to wait until renewal in March of 2019, our monthly fee will increase by approximately $170.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has previously approved Legal Research agreements with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw Next), which is available to the District Attorney’s (DA) Office.

The DA’s Office is contracting with Thomson Reuters instead of LexisNexis as Westlaw Next can be intergraded into the DA’s case management system Prosecutor by Karpel (PbK).

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The above-recommended action is fully funded within the District Attorney’s and County Counsel budgets. If the board choses not to approve the subscription agreement at this time, there will be a negative financial impact on the District Attorney's 2018-2019 budget of approximately $2,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$6,457- per year (currently budgeted within the District Attorney’s and County Counsel budgets)

ATTACHMENTS:
Westlaw Proflex Contract 2018-2021 (PDF)
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RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey