

March 21, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
March 26, 2002

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR  
SOUTH BAY CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council approve a contract amendment for the South Bay Center for Dispute Resolution in the amount of \$2,000 for the remainder of the 2001-02 fiscal year.

**Background:**

The City has provided dispute resolution services for a number of years. The service has been provided by private contractors and volunteers. The present contract for this fiscal year was approved in October 2001. The contract for services includes a \$500 quarterly fee and up to 20 cases per year for a total budget of \$5,000 per year (\$2,000 quarterly fees plus \$3,000 for 20 cases = \$5,000). The number of cases has increased over past years and, as a result, the Center has requested a budget amendment of \$2,000 to cover the remainder of the fiscal year.

This service has been very valuable to our residents over the years. The Center has helped hundreds of people resolve disputes between neighbors on all kinds of issues. The Police Department and Community Development Department often refer residents to this service. A copy of the current program report is attached.

The City has been paying \$5,000 per year for the last eight years. The total, with the proposed amendment, would be \$7,000. The activity growth looks like it will continue and, as a result, the fiscal year 2002-03 budget will be set at \$8,000.

A transfer from Prospective Expenditures will be made to cover this additional cost; as a result, no additional appropriation is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell  
City Manager