

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	October 7, 2019	
Name of Agenda Item:	Public Defender Contract for Services	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Administration	
Council Committee Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
		Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments:		
Public Defender Contract for Services		
Summary Statement:		
<p>The City of Lynden recently terminated the contract of our previous public defender and has been relying on an interim Public Defender until a permanent replacement could be found. Three firms responded to a request for proposals, and a panel including lawyers from our City Attorney's office selected Angela Anderson, the former Chief Public Defender for Whatcom County. The attached contract formalizes the terms of our relationship with Ms. Anderson and contemplates her beginning work for the City of Lynden later this month.</p> <p>The cost and scope of services is generally the same as it was for our previous Public Defender, with the exception that the City must pay an estimated \$25,000 for Ms. Anderson to take over some 80 cases remaining from her predecessor.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Approve the Contract for Public Defender Services.		