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Board of Supervisors Votes to Ensure Accountability and Transparency in Auditor-Controller's Office

Santa Ana, Calif. (June 26, 2018) – Today the Board of Supervisors voted as part of the approval of the FY 2018-19 budget to re-establish the Internal Audit Department, reporting directly to the Board of Supervisors, removed the Auditor-Controller and Internal Audit augmentations while also cutting \$656,570 of funding from the Auditor-Controller's base budget.

"This action by the Board of Supervisors is to ensure transparency and independence in the Auditor-Controller's Office by restoring the oversight of the Internal Audit Department that we established in 1995 after the county's bankruptcy," said Chairman Andrew Do, Supervisor First District.

The Internal Audit Department was under the direct supervision of the Board of Supervisors until 2015. Today's vote also transfers 14 Internal Auditor positions as well as \$2,294,495 in appropriations under the Board of Supervisors' oversight.

"It's not a best practice to have Auditor-Controller ensuring its own transparency. I believe we did a great service to the citizens of Orange County by returning the Internal Audit Department under direct control of the Board of Supervisors," said Vice Chairman Shawn Nelson, Fourth District.

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