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Board secures Lamberto's departure

The Board of Supervisors today finalized the departure of Human Resources Director Andrew Lamberto from the county government organization.

In March, Lamberto was cited and later pleaded guilty to agreeing to engage in prostitution. The Board of Supervisors was not informed about the incident until Oct. 21.

Given the nature by which the incident was brought to the Board's attention, at the Board's direction, County Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux is working with County Counsel to draft by Dec. 15 a policy for the Board's public consideration that would ensure the Board is immediately made aware of these types of incidents in the future.

"It is now time to move on and focus our energies on meeting the needs of our county community," Board of Supervisors Chairman James Ramos said.

Chairman Ramos has made it clear that the Board is elected to govern the County and takes its role seriously. The Board fully understands that it is accountable to the public for the County's performance and for ensuring that problems are addressed appropriately and swiftly.

In exchange for a mutual release of all potential claims and to avoid the likelihood of costly litigation, the County has accepted Lamberto's resignation and he will be on settlement-related leave until May 27, 2016, but he will not serve as Human Resources Director or in any other position in the County.

"It was not easy for the Board to agree to these terms following this incident. However, given the great potential for litigation in employment matters, which would cost taxpayers unknown financial liabilities, this was clearly the best option," Chairman Ramos said.

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