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Meeting Date: February 24, 2010

**TOWN OF MORAGA** **STAFF REPORT**

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**To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members**

**From: D. Michael Segrest**

**Subject: Possible Transfer of Misdemeanor Prosecutions to Municipalities**

**Request**

Authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to Supervisor Gayle Uilkema expressing concern about the possible transfer of misdemeanor prosecutions to municipalities.

**Background**

The Mayor of Lafayette sent the attached email requesting that other municipalities send a letter to Supervisor Gayle Uilkema regarding this matter. Contra Costa County has previously considered not prosecuting misdemeanors due to budget constraints with the District Attorney. Temporary funding has been provided to avoid this, but a permanent solution has not been identified.

**Discussion**

The attached draft may need to be edited to suit Moraga, but the basic content is appropriate. This action would authorize the Mayor to make such minor modifications and send the letter to Supervisor Uilkema.

**Fiscal Impact**

If misdemeanor prosecutions were transferred to the Town the cost could be substantial, but an exact amount is not known at this time.

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3 Not authorize the letter.

4 Give specific direction on the content of the letter.

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6 **Recommendation(s)**

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8 Authorize the Mayor to make minor modifications and send the letter.

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10 **Report reviewed by: Town Manager**

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12 **Attachments:**

13 **A. Email from Mayor Brandt Andersson of Lafayette**

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16 Agenda Packets\Staff Report Template

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