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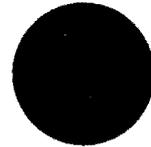
TO: Nancy Floreen, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc P. Hansen *Marc Hansen*
Deputy County Attorney

DATE: January 8, 2010

RE: Appointment of Special Legal Counsel — Corey E. Talcott

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Under the authority of Charter § 213, we request that the Council approve the appointment of Corey Talcott as special counsel to represent the County's Department of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Services, in the Juvenile Court. Mr. Talcott is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Northeastern University. For the past 18 months Mr. Talcott has worked as the Law Clerk to the Honorable Katherine D. Savage, the Lead Judge of the Juvenile Court.

The HHS Division of the Office of the County Attorney represents the Department of Health and Human Services, including Child Welfare Services in the Juvenile Court. The increasing number and complexity of the Child in Need of Assistance cases and the Termination of Parental Rights petitions filed by the Department on behalf of abused and neglected children necessitates the dependence on part-time contract attorneys on an as-needed basis. The Office of the County Attorney is not able to absorb this work with current staffing levels.

Mr. Talcott has agreed to work for the County for an hourly rate of \$65.00, which is an extremely reasonable fee and the fee that is currently being charged by the other contract attorneys who perform similar work for the Department.

Council confirmation of this appointment will be appreciated.

cc: Timothy L. Firestone, Chief Administrative Officer
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