Board of Supervisors Memorandum

November 5, 2013

Membership in County Executives of America

Introduction

For over 40 years, the County Executives of America (CEA) organization has helped county leaders reach their goals through strong advocacy, economic development, grant and appropriations research, and legislative and regulatory analysis, as well as facilitating working dialogue among county executives across the country. CEA was initially formed to create an alliance that would assist county officers in executing their duties and produced today's association of nearly 700 counties.

CEA is governed by a Board of Directors and selected Executive Officers. Its current membership includes County Executives, County Judges, Parish and Borough Presidents, City-County Mayors, Commission Presidents and Chairs.

A longtime affiliate group of the National Association of Counties, CEA has operated as an independent organization since 1994. With its headquarters in Washington DC, CEA brings together top-level local officials to discuss and determine policy on wide-ranging issues that affect local governors and the people they serve.

CEA also provides a voice at the national level among the various policy making representatives, including members and staff of the United States Congress, officials in the Executive Branch at both the federal and state government levels, and various interest groups and associations based on Capitol Hill.

Additional information regarding the CEA is available at http://countyexecutives.org.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the following:

1. An allocation in the amount of $5,000 from Board Contingency for a one-year membership in the County Executives of America; and
2. Designation of District 4 Supervisor Ray Carroll as Pima County's representative to the County Executives of America.

Respectfully submitted,

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