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To All District Attorneys:

As you are, no doubt, aware the Governor has instructed all State agencies to reduce their spending by at least 6% of the appropriated funds for the 2009 budget year. To underscore these directions, he has instructed the Office of Planning and Budget to withhold 6% of our periodic allocation. We have not been instructed on how to access those funds if they are necessary in the future. The Council has accordingly taken the following action:

1. By a vote of 6 -1, the Council voted to suspend all hiring of new, non-attorney, state-paid personnel until further notice. This suspension of hiring takes effect as of August 5, 2008. Any District Attorney who wishes to seek a waiver of the suspension must submit a written request to the Executive Director which sets forth the reasons why the Council should allow the District Attorney to fill the particular position. The request will be reviewed by a select committee consisting of Tommy Floyd, Denise Fachini and Rick Malone and will be granted only in cases in which the District Attorney shows that a serious hardship affecting the efficiency and effectiveness of the office will result. If the District Attorney is not satisfied with the decision of select committee, he or she may request review by the full Council at their next scheduled meeting. This decision does not apply to state-paid, county reimbursed (SPCR) personnel.

2. By a vote of 7 - 0, all salary increases for state-paid personnel, to include step increases, that would take effect on or after September 1, 2008 are suspended until further notice. This decision does not apply to SPCR personnel but does apply to DHR reimbursed (child support) personnel.

3. By a vote of 6 - 1, the cost-of-living increase for state-paid personnel, including the District Attorneys, scheduled to take effect January 1, 2009 is suspended until further notice. This decision does not apply to SPCR personnel but does apply to DHR reimbursed (child support) personnel.

4. By a vote of 7 - 0, all purchases of motor vehicles, regardless of the source of the funds used to purchase the motor vehicle, will be discontinued and PAC will

accept no new vehicles as state vehicles and issue no new Wright Express Cards until further notice.

5. By a vote of 7 - 0, the Investigators Conference and the Key Personnel Seminar will be deferred until the Spring of 2009, at the earliest.

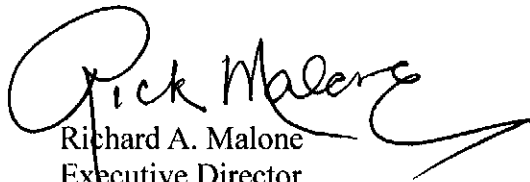
6. By a vote of 7 - 0, all purchases of, or contracting for, supplies, materials, equipment, printing or other products finance with state funds by the Council will be suspended.

7. By a vote of 7 - 0, all out-of-state and non-essential in-state travel for state business by the Council staff will be curtailed except as otherwise authorized by the Council.

8. By a vote of 7 - 0, suspend hiring of any new or replacement positions on the Council staff that are funded in total or in part by state funds.

I am expecting to have more information later in the week after we have consulted with State leaders in all branches of the State government on the meaning of these changes and their effect on our offices. I will, of course, keep you informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Malone". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Richard A. Malone
Executive Director
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