



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Sharon L. Anderson, County Counsel  
Date: November 14, 2017

Subject: Amendment to Contracts with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE County Counsel, or designee to execute on behalf of Contra Costa County and the County in its capacity as the Successor Agency to the Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency, amendments to existing agreements for specialized professional legal services with Goldfarb & Lipman to create categories of billing rates, rather than a billing rate for each individual service provider.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact. The amendment replaces a list that sets forth the names and rates of individual attorneys and implements billing rates based on the service provider's billing category.

**BACKGROUND:**

The contracts being amended are for legal services related to the County's affordable housing programs. Each contract includes an exhibit that identifies by name every attorney with Goldfarb & Lipman. Since the contracts were executed, and subsequently amended, some of the names have changed. Each contract, as amended, will establish billing rates based on job classifications. The contracts are also being amended to (i) provide for the

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Action of Board On: **11/14/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 14, 2017

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

payment of reasonable costs and expenses in the same manner that they are paid under other attorney contracts, and (ii) eliminate references to “org” numbers. The process used by staff to assign legal expenses to a particular source of funds will not change.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Payment for work performed, and expenses incurred, by the firm may be wrongfully delayed for withheld.