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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87748 = C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA ("CLR") FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME TENANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 COVERING JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, RENEWABLE AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OPTION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 PER YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council entered into a two-year contract for FY 2013 – 2015 with CLR to provide legal services to low-income tenants pertaining to the City's Rent Adjustment Program (RAP) which was extended for four additional years through June 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, CLR exceeded all contract goals during its first two years of service and continued to do so, and based on strong performance the four one-year extensions were exercised; and

**WHEREAS**, rents in Oakland have been experiencing unprecedented increases and property values continue to escalate, and tenants face serious affordability challenges and the prospect of displacement; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to these pressures, the need for counseling, advice, and legal representation continues, and serving the most vulnerable communities in Oakland now requires an increase in outreach and public education in those locales; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to retain continuity in the current tenant legal services program as well as add a robust community outreach and education component and finds that CLR is properly positioned to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the City conducted a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process commencing on March 19, 2019 in accordance with the City's contracting policies and procedures and included targeted direct outreach to legal service providers throughout the City and region; and

**WHEREAS**, on the RFP due date of April 15, 2019, CLR was the only respondent; and

**WHEREAS,** the CLR proposal was compliant with all aspects of the RFP and provided a strong response in its description of the services to be delivered and the manner in which these services would meet the needs of the City to provide outreach, education and legal services to low-income tenants pertaining to RAP; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to a thorough evaluation of the RFP response staff determined that CLR should be awarded a one-year contract for these services in the amount of \$250,000; and

**WHEREAS,** this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under the following, each as a separate and independent basis, including but not limited to, the following: CEQA Guidelines: Section 15378 (regulatory actions), Section 15061(b)(3) (no significant environmental impact), and Section 15183 (actions consistent with the general plan and zoning); now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under the following, each as a separate and independent basis, including but not limited to, the following: CEQA Guidelines: Section 15378 (regulatory actions), Section 15061(b)(3) (no significant environmental impact), and Section 15183 (actions consistent with the general plan and zoning); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or their designee is authorized to enter into a Contract with CLR for provision of legal services and outreach to low-income tenants for a period covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a contract amount to cover services not to exceed \$250,000, with the City Administrator’s option to renew for two additional one-year terms not to exceed \$250,000 per year, with funding coming from the Rent Adjustment Fund (2413), Rent Adjustment Program (89969), Rent Adjustment Project (1001110).

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

JUN 1 8 2019

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

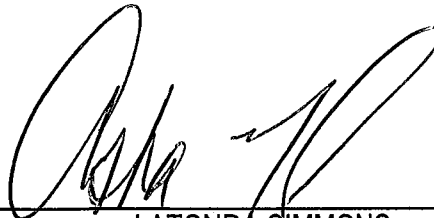
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NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California