

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 81218 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER	

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TWO-YEAR GRANT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100,000 PER YEAR (\$200,000 TOTAL) TO A CONSORTIUM OF COMMUNITY AGENCIES WITH CENTRO LEGAL DE LA RAZA AS THE PRIME GRANTEE TO COUNSEL AND REPRESENT LOW INCOME PARTICIPANTS IN OAKLAND RENT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM HEARINGS AND APPEALS TO THE RENT BOARD, WITH AN OPTION BY THE CITY TO EXTEND THE GRANT AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS, ONE YEAR AT A TIME, TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100,000 FOR EACH YEAR OF EXTENSION

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2002 the City Council passed Resolution No. 76930 C.M.S. to provide low income renters and owners with representation before the Rent Adjustment Program ("RAP") and the Housing, Residential Rent and Relocation Board ("Rent Board"). The Resolution mandated "one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of the funds budgeted for the Rent Adjustment Program ("RAP") . . . shall be allocated to provide the above-described services."; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with a City Council directive issued on December 4, 2007, Staff issued a Request for Proposals for continuation of the low income representation program;

WHEREAS, the proposal of Centro Legal de la Raza with Bay Area Legal Aid and the Alameda County Bar Association Voluntary Legal Services Corporation as subgrantees was selected after an open proposal process as the proposal best meeting the program requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are available from the Rent Adjustment Program funds: Fund 1010, Organization 88969, Acct 52921, Project P190010, for fiscal years 2007-2009, and

**WHEREAS**, City employees cannot represent tenants or owners before the RAP or Rent Board as to do so would create a conflict with the representation, thus the representation services must be performed by persons outside the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the services provided pursuant to the agreement authorized hereunder are of a professional, scientific or technical nature and are temporary in nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this contract shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby allocates \$100,000 per year for fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, a total of \$200,000 from the General Purpose Fund (1010), Rent Adjustment Program (88969), Rent Arbitration Project (P190010); and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a two-year grant with Centro Legal de la Raza, Inc. with three 1-year extensions to be approved by the City Council as part of the budget process to a maximum of \$100,000 per year to provide legal services related to Rent Adjustment to Oakland residential tenants with incomes of 80% of median income or less and landlords with residential rental property in the City of Oakland with incomes of 100% of median income or less.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,AF	PR 1 5 2008	, 20
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:		
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LaTonda Simmons City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California