



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2018

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: GRETCHEN BEATTY, HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBJECT: LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RENNE PUBLIC LAW GROUP

SUMMARY

To approve a contract with the law firm of Renne Public Law Group related to specialized legal services for the City of Fullerton.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the agreement between Renne Public Law Group and the City of Fullerton, in a final form approved by the City Attorney's office, to provide legal services with respect to the specialized area of labor and employment law.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and take any and all action necessary to implement and administer the agreement.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability

FISCAL IMPACTS

Fees under the proposed agreement are set at \$395 per hour for lead counsel Arthur Hartinger.

Expenditures will vary depending upon the need for service. No budget adjustment is necessary at this time.

DISCUSSION

The City of Fullerton has approved legal services agreements with various law firms that supplement the expertise provided by the City Attorney's Office. This law firm is to be retained specifically to handle matters when the labor and employment law firms with whom the City typically works with are unable to assist with specific cases.

The lead attorney under this contract is proposed to be Arthur (Art) Hartinger. With a practice focused on labor and employment law for over 33 years, Mr. Hartinger is a founding partner of Renne Public Law Group, and was previously a partner at Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP.

Mr. Hartinger represents public and private clients in complex state and federal litigation pertaining to all types of labor and employment issues, including California and U.S. constitutional law, the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Title VII, Title IX, the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mr. Hartinger has represented clients in a variety of litigation matters, including class actions, writs, and jury trials. His litigation practice also includes administrative and binding arbitration hearings before personnel boards, arbitrators, and administrative law judges. He also frequently advises public agencies, personnel boards, and civil service commissions.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Agreement for Provision of Legal Services