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REPORT RE:

THE RETENTION OF HOUSING BOND COUNSEL

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

The City Attorney requests approval of the following qualified list of two firms to provide bond, special tax, disclosure and related legal counsel services for the City's multifamily housing bond program over a three-year period, beginning February 1, 2022:

1. Kutak Rock LLP
2. Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP

As housing bond transactions arise, the City Attorney and the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) will jointly select firms from the above qualified list based on the experience required, price quote, and the familiarity with the particular financing structure. A contract will be negotiated and executed with LAHD and approved by the City Attorney. The contract will run over the next three years and will be paid from bond proceeds and developer equity. If legal services are required after the completion of a bond issuance, the firm will be paid by the property ownership entity. City general funds will not be used toward payment of outside counsel legal fees and administrative services. At the time bond documents are brought to the Mayor and Council for

approval, the LAHD report will identify the financing team, as it has done in the past. There is no guarantee that every firm on the list will be awarded a contract for a bond transaction during the three-year life of the list.

On August 30, 2021, the City Attorney issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for outside housing bond counsel for LAHD. Kutak Rock and Hawkins, Delafield & Wood were two of three firms who submitted proposals. The firms were evaluated based on their written proposals, the types of bond transactions in which the firms’ legal team was otherwise involved, their qualifications and work experience in California and the City of Los Angeles, and their fees. The two firms recommended were deemed best qualified to perform the bond-related legal services required by LAHD at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into three year contracts with Kutak Rock LLP and Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP for the provision of housing bond counsel services to the Los Angeles Housing Department.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Craig Takenaka at (213) 922-7759. He, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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