

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR
SPECIAL SERVICES**

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Merced, a California Charter Municipal Corporation (“City”), and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, a Professional Corporation, (“Attorney”).

WHEREAS, City is in need of special legal services for labor relations consulting, labor contract negotiations and employee related matters; and,

WHEREAS, City and Attorney have previously entered into an Agreement for Special Services (“Agreement”) dated September 7, 2023;

WHEREAS, City and Attorney entered into a First Amendment to Agreement dated August 5, 2024, to increase the total not to exceed contract amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000; and,

WHEREAS, City and Attorney desire to amend said Agreement by increasing the not-to-exceed contracted amount from \$250,000 to \$295,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter recited, agree as follows:

1. The Agreement dated September 7, 2023, between the City and Attorney shall be amended by increasing the not-to-exceed contracted amount from \$250,000 to \$295,000, in accordance with the current hourly rates attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

2. Except as herein amended, the Agreement dated September 7, 2023, and First Amendment dated February 17, 2026, shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Second Amendment to Agreement to be executed on the date first above written.

CITY OF MERCED
A California Charter Municipal
Corporation

BY: _____
D. Scott McBride
City Manager

ATTEST:
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: Craig Cornwell 5/29/2026
City Attorney Date

ACCOUNT DATA:
M. VENUS RODRIGUEZ, FINANCE OFFICER

BY: _____
Verified by Finance Officer

{Signatures continued on next page}

ATTORNEY
LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE,
A Professional Corporation

BY: Brian P. Walter
(Signature)

BRIAN WALTER
(Typed Name)

Its: PARTNER
(Title)

Taxpayer I.D. No. 95-3658973

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LOS ANGELES CA 90045

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NOTICE TO ALL CLIENTS

Please be advised that Liebert Cassidy Whitmore will be increasing its rates effective July 1, 2025. A summary of rate changes is located below.

Partners	\$485.00
Senior Counsel	\$400.00
Associates	\$295.00 - \$380.00
Labor Relations/HR Consultant	\$315.00
Compensation/Classification Consultant	\$230.00
Paraprofessionals & Litigation Support	\$165.00 - \$200.00
E-Discovery Fees	\$450/Month

Thank you for giving Liebert Cassidy Whitmore the opportunity to provide legal services to your Agency. You are truly a valued client and it is our mission to continue to provide you with the very best and most cost effective legal representation possible. If you have any questions regarding this notice, or any other matter involving our Legal Services Agreement, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Hessing at (310) 981-2075.