# CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center 678 W. 18th Street Merced, CA 95340



# **Legislation Text**

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**SUBJECT**: Approval of a Third Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Goldman Magdalin Straatsma, LLP

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Third Amendment to an Agreement for workers' compensation litigation matters to reflect the name change of Goldman, Magdalin & Krikes, LLP to Goldman Magdalin Straatsma, LLP.

# RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

A. Approving a Third Amendment to an Agreement for Professional Services with Goldman Magdalin Straatsma, LLP; and,

B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

# **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
- 2. Approve, subject to conditions other than as recommended by staff; or,
- 3. Deny; or,
- 4. Continue to a future meeting.

#### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

#### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

### DISCUSSION

November 4, 2019, the City entered into an Agreement for Professional Services ("Agreement") with the law firm of Goldman, Magdalin & Krikes, LLP for workers' compensation legal services in support of the City Attorney's Department.

On April 28, 2021, the City entered into a First Amendment to Agreement for additional services to provide employee training on the workers' compensation process and industrial disability retirement process.

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On May 17, 2023, the City entered into a Second Amendment to Agreement to adjust the hourly compensation rate.

Co-Founding Partner George Krikes separated from the law firm and the firm welcomed new partner Derek Straatsma, necessitating a name change of the firm. Effective February 1, 2024, Goldman, Magdalin & Krikes, LLP has changed to Goldman Magdalin Straatsma, LLP.

# **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

No appropriation of funds is needed.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Third Amendment for Professional Services
- 2. GMK Legal Services Agreement dated 11-4-2019
- 3. GMK 1st Amendment dated 4-28-2021
- 4. GMK 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment dated 5-17-2023