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**Attachments:** 1. First Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services

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### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to modifications as conditioned by the City Council; or,
3. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
4. Deny.

### **AUTHORITY**

City of Merced Charter, section 200.

### **CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Not applicable.

### **DISCUSSION**

In October 2017, the City entered into a legal services agreement with the law firm Renne, Sloan, Holzman and Sakai, Public Law Group for employment related legal services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The majority of the services performed were from approximately October 2017 through approximately July 2018. The costs incurred are approaching \$85,000 and exceed the delegated authority of \$30,000 from the City Council. In addition, in May 2017, the firm changed its name to Sloan, Sakai, Yeung & Wong, LLP.

This amendment is necessary to update the firm name and to obtain authorization from the City Council to pay the invoices for services performed that exceeded \$30,000.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

This amendment will be funded by the City Attorney and Police Departments. Funding is available within the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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