



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreements for Legal Services with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., to Reflect the Change in Firm Name to Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving an Amendment to two Legal Services Agreements with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., to reflect a change in firm name to Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving Amendment No.1 to the two Agreements for Legal Services to reflect the change of name from Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. to Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP; and,
- B. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve as recommended by staff; or,
- 2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or
- 3. Deny.

AUTHORITY

Section 200 of the Charter of the City of Merced.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

Since 2003, Maryanne Goodkind, an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., has been providing legal services to the City regarding the formation of Community Facilities Districts and the annexation of new areas into the existing Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Services).

On June 4, 2013, and on March 17, 2014, the City entered into Legal Services Agreements with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. specialized legal services associated with the City's Community Facilities Districts. Ms. Goodkind recently notified the City that her law firm, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. changed their name to Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP.

Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP will continue to provide legal services with the same terms and conditions as the original agreements. Amendment No. 1 to each agreement only reflects name change.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Amending the Agreements for Legal Services to reflect the change of ownership and company name does not require a budget appropriation or change of staff resources.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Amendment No. 1
2. March 17, 2014 Agreement
3. June 4, 2013 Agreement