



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Approval to Enter into an Agreement for Legal Services with Amy Oppenheimer for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,000

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider engaging the legal services of Amy Oppenheimer for the not to exceed amount of \$60,000.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving an agreement for legal services with Amy Oppenheimer for the not to exceed amount of \$60,000 and authorizing the Finance Officer to make any necessary budget adjustments.

### 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.

### DISCUSSION

The City of Merced has a need, from time to time, to engage the services of attorney's for personnel related matters. One of the attorneys the City has engaged to perform those services is Amy Oppenheimer. The City Manager or designee has the authority to enter into agreements that do not exceed \$30,000. However, once the cost of the services exceeds that threshold, Council approval is required. The cost of the services that have been performed by Ms. Oppenheimer have exceeded the delegated authority of \$30,000. Therefore, Council approval is required to enter into the agreement in the not to exceed amount of \$60,000.

### IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Funding is available within the Personnel Department's Fiscal Year 2018-19 approved budget.