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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314475

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF NIXON PEABODY LLP TO SERVE AS OUTSIDE LOAN COUNSEL FOR THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) has a need for as-needed outside loan counsel (OLC) to assist with various loans (whether private, State or federal, and regardless of their structures, Loans) it routinely enters into to support capital projects of its Water Utility, Sewer Utility, Stormwater System, as well as general financing matters that periodically arise (General Matters), because a loan opinion from outside counsel is required to successfully close the Loans; and

WHEREAS, the expertise of OLC is also critical to successfully structuring and negotiating the Loans to ensure compliance with existing covenants of the outstanding bonds and Loans of each issuer (i.e., the Water Utility, Sewer Utility and General Fund); and

WHEREAS, the Legal Services Agreement with the current OLC, Nixon Peabody LLP (Nixon), will expire on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Proposal to the seven (7) law firms composing its pool of pre-qualified law firms for bond counsel, disclosure counsel, outside disclosure counsel, special tax counsel, and related legal services (Counsel Pool), and four (2) of those firms responded; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review, the evaluation team composed of an Assistant

Director of the Department of Finance, two Financing Coordinators from the Department of

Finance, the Deputy City Attorney for Finance and Disclosure, and two additional Deputy City

Attorneys in the City Attorney's Finance Unit unanimously selected Nixon to continue to serve

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as the City's OLC based on both its expertise and value proposition as compared to the other

responding firm; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor or designee desires City Council authorization to engage Nixon

under a new Legal Services Agreement to serve as the City's OLC for a term of five (5) years

beginning on January 1, 2023 in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to San Diego City Charter Article 5, section 40, the City Council is

empowered to employ outside counsel when such assistance or advice is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this Resolution based on the

information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true,

and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The Mayor or specified designee is authorized to retain Nixon Peabody LLP as

the City's Outside Loan Counsel under such contracts or other arrangements for as-needed

services as the City Attorney or specified designee shall approve and believe to be in the best

interests of the City.

2. Such contract or other arrangements shall be for a term of five (5) years and in a

total amount not to exceed \$250,000, contingent upon the Chief Financial Officer first issuing

one or more certificates certifying that the funds necessary for expenditure are, or will be, on

deposit in the City Treasury.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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/s/ Bret A. Bartolotta

Bret A. Bartolotta

Deputy City Attorney

BAB:jdf 11/7/22

Or.Dept:Atty.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of 5 2022.

	ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk  By Deputy Vity Clerk			
Approved: 12/14/10 (date)	ODD GLORIA Mayor			
Vetoed:(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor			

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused		
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Jennifer Campbell						
Stephen Whitburn	$\overline{Z}$ .					
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Marni von Wilpert						
Chris Cate	$\mathbb{Z}$					
Raul A. Campillo	$\mathbf{Z}$					
Vivian Moreno	$\square$					
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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on <u>December 5, 2022</u>, by the following vote: