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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315270

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING WAIVER OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REQUESTED BY LIEB & LIEB AND CONSENTING TO LIEB & LIEB'S JOINT REPRESENTATION OF ORION CONSTRUCTION AND THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO IN SDG&E V. ORION CONSTRUCTION, ET AL., SAN DIEGO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 37-2022-00035613-CU-PO-CTL.

WHEREAS, SDG&E filed a negligence case against Orion Construction and an inverse case against the City related to damage caused to an SDG&E underground conduit that occurred when an Orion employee struck an underground electrical conduit in the course of Orion's work on a City construction project known as AC Water and Sewer Group 1024. SDG&E is seeking \$40,386.34 plus attorney's fees in damages in the case known as *SDG&E v Orion Construction*, et al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00035613-CU-PO-CTL; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, an employee of Orion Construction, sustained an electrical shock when his digging bar struck an unmarked electrical package beneath an 8" water main being replaced by Orion. This electrical package was a second electrical package located below the water main. The first electrical package above the water main had been marked. This incident occurred at 6315 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, Ca 92114 in front of the Encanto Village Apartments; and

WHEREAS, following the tender of the defense and indemnity of the lawsuit to Orion's insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual, the insurance carrier hired Lieb and Lieb to jointly represent Orion Construction and the City of San Diego; and

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WHEREAS, under California Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.7, an attorney shall

not, without the informed written consent of each client, represent a client if the representation is

directly adverse to another client in the same or separate matter; and

WHEREAS, granting Lieb & Lieb's request for a conflict-of-interest waiver does not

pose a detrimental risk to the City as Lieb & Lieb will not obtain any confidential information

from the City and Lieb & Lieb will implement appropriate screening measures to protect against

sharing of confidential information within the law firm if any is received. NOW, THEREFORE

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

1. Approves the waiver of potential conflict-of-interest requested by Lieb & Lieb

and consents to Lieb & Lieb's joint representation of Orion Construction and the City of San

Diego in SDG&E v Orion Construction, et al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-

00035613-CU-PO-CTL.

2. Authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute the requested waiver on behalf of

the City.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was pass meeting of	sed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this
	DIANA J.S. FUENTES City Clerk By Deputy City Clerk
Approved: 12/22/23 (date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor
Vetoed:(date)	TODD GLORIA Mayor

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