

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316874DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 20 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE RENNE PUBLIC LAW GROUP TO PROVIDE AS-NEEDED, INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO EXPEND FUNDS UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. San Diego City Charter (Charter) section 40.2 authorizes the Office of the City Auditor, acting through the City Auditor (Auditor), to retain and use legal counsel, independent of the City Attorney, for legal support and advice in audits, investigations, and related activities within the authority and duties of the Auditor, subject to specified limitations described in Charter section 40.2.

B. Charter section 40.2 requires the Auditor to retain independent legal counsel by contract approved by the Council in a manner consistent with the Charter, including the City of San Diego (City)'s required competitive procurement processes and other applicable laws. The Council has discretion to determine and appropriate funding for the Auditor's independent legal counsel.

C. Charter section 40.2 also provides that the Council may establish additional rules and procedures to implement the requirement for the Auditor's independent legal counsel.

D. By San Diego Ordinance O-21958 (May 22, 2025), the Council adopted an ordinance that, in part, states that the contract cost of the Auditor's independent legal counsel must not exceed the appropriated funding. The ordinance also describes the processes that the Auditor and Audit Committee must follow to use independent legal counsel after the Council approves a contract.

E. On July 17, 2025, the Audit Committee approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure the independent legal counsel before the City issued the RFP. On April 23, 2026, the Audit Committee reviewed the proposed contract with the Renne Public Law Group, LLC, and voted to advance the proposed contract to the Council for final determination. The Auditor recommends approval of the contract with the Renne Public Law Group, LLC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$900,000, for a five-year period.

F. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

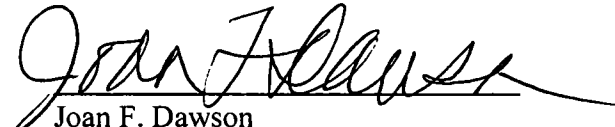
Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Council approves the contract between the City and the Renne Public Law Group, LLC, to provide counsel, independent of the City Attorney, to the Auditor for legal support and advice in audits, investigations, and related activities within the authority and duties of the Auditor, subject to specified limitations described in Charter section 40.2. The contract is for five years from the contract's effective date, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

2. The Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the contract between the City and the Renne Public Law Group, LLC, for the purposes described in this Resolution.

3. The Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to expend an amount not to exceed \$900,000 for a term not to exceed five years from the contract's effective date to fund the contract between the City and the Renne Public Law Group, LLC, for the purposes described in this Resolution, contingent upon the Chief Financial Officer furnishing one or more certificates certifying that funds necessary of expenditures are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer.

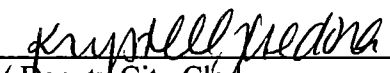
APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By 
Joan F. Dawson
Senior Deputy City Attorney

JFD:cm
June 30, 2026
Or.Dept: Office of the City Auditor
CC No. 3000018633
Doc. No. 4397707

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
JUL 14 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
(Deputy City Clerk)

Approved: 7/17/26
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

**The City of San Diego
COMPTROLLER'S CERTIFICATE**

CERTIFICATE OF UNALLOTTED BALANCE

ORIGINATING

DEPT. NO.: 3000018633
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required for the allotment of funds for the purpose set forth in the foregoing resolution is available in the Treasury, or is anticipated to come into the Treasury, and is otherwise unallotted.

Amount: _____ Fund: _____

Purpose: _____

Date: _____ By: _____

COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING DATA

Doc. Item	Fund	Funded Program	Internal Order	Functional Area	G/L Account	Business Area	Cost Center	WBS	Original Amount
TOTAL AMOUNT									

FUND OVERRIDE ☐

CERTIFICATION OF UNENCUMBERED BALANCE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the indebtedness and obligation to be incurred by the contract or agreement authorized by the hereto attached resolution, can be incurred without the violation of any of the provisions of the Charter of the City of San Diego; and I do hereby further certify, in conformity with the requirements of the Charter of the City of San Diego, that sufficient moneys have been appropriated for the purpose of said contract, that sufficient moneys to meet the obligations of said contract are actually in the Treasury, or are anticipated to come into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation from which the same are to be drawn, and that the said money now actually in the Treasury, together with the moneys anticipated to come into the Treasury, to the credit of said appropriation, are otherwise unencumbered.

Not to Exceed: \$180,000.00

Vendor: Renne Public Law Group

Purpose: Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to expend an amount not to exceed \$900,000 for a term not to exceed five year (not to exceed \$1800,000 in FY27) with Renne Public Law Group LLS to provide counsel, independent of the attorney, to the auditor for legal support and advice in audits, investigations, and related activities with the authority and duties of the Auditor, subject to specified limitations described in Charter section 40.2.

Date: June 8, 2026 By: Ariani Marcial
COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

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1	100000	NON-PROGRAM		OTHR-00000000-GG	512042	1215	1215000001		\$180,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT									\$180,000.00

FUND OVERRIDE ☐

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on July 14, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☒	☐	☐	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☒	☐	☐	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☒	☐	☐	☐
Kent Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☐	☐	☒	☐
Vivian Moreno	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☒	☐	☐	☐

Date of final passage JUL 20 2026

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By _____, Deputy

By [Signature], Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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