

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316933

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 29 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO
THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIEBERT
CASSIDY WHITMORE.

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

A. On August 8, 2023, Council passed Resolution Number R-315085 authorizing the retention of eleven selected law firms in various practice areas of law as outside counsel. One of the eleven firms was Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (Law Firm).

B. On or about September 23, 2023, the City and Law Firm entered into a Legal Services Agreement (Agreement) for a term not to exceed 5 years and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

C. The City Attorney's Office (Office) is now seeking an increase only to the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement and does not seek any other amendment to the Agreement.

D. The proposed First Amendment to increase the Agreement by an additional \$1,000,000.00 is necessary to allow Law Firm to continue to represent the City in ongoing litigation specific to the defense of employment litigation, including *Allison Ford v. City of San Diego, et al.*, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 24CU024305C, *Stephanie Cockrell v. City of San Diego, et al.*, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 26CU019547C, and *Tyler Cockrell v. City of San Diego*, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 26CU016170C, as well as to allow Law Firm to assist in other matters as may become necessary.

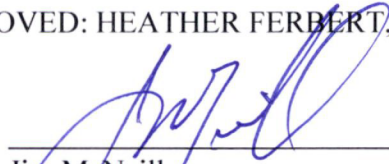
ACTION ITEMS

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

1. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Law Firm to add \$1,000,000.00 to the Agreement for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000.00.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to expend a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000.00, to pay for legal services under the First Amendment to the Agreement, contingent upon the adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the applicable fiscal year and the Chief Financial Officer furnishing one or more certificates certifying that funds necessary for expenditure are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By



Jim McNeill
Assistant City Attorney

JSM:mgm
August 12, 2026
Or. Dept: City Attorney
Doc. No. 4520114

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
SEP 15 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9/28/26
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on September 15, 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 SEP 29 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.

(Seal)

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

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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