

FAIRFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. HA2021-06

RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GOLDFARB & LIPMAN FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE FAIRFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED INCOME HOUSING AND UPDATING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2014-2022 Housing Element of the City of Fairfield provides for the construction of approximately 3100 units of housing available to those in the very low-, low-, moderate-, and above moderate-income categories according to Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfield has met the expectations in the above moderate- and moderate-income categories (expectation-1917 units) but has fallen short of meeting the expectations in the low- and very low-income categories (expectation – 1183 units); and

WHEREAS, the City is adopting a multifaceted housing approach that includes working with the Fairfield Housing Authority (FHA) under its regulatory authority to bolster development opportunities of mixed income housing; and

WHEREAS, the FHA has solicited the assistance of Goldfarb & Lipman to offer legal services to the FHA in both the creation of a nonprofit affiliate of the FHA and helping it to negotiate and structure development transactions to successfully promote affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS, Goldfarb & Lipman is an Oakland based law firm with special strengths in affordable housing, economic development, and municipal law; and

WHEREAS, Goldfarb & Lipman represents over 100 public agencies and nonprofit housing developers, assisted in the development of over 50,000 units of affordable housing, and represents over nineteen (19) California Housing Authorities in a variety of projects including self-development or working with a development partner to construct affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, funding was not allocated in the City's approved 2020-2021 Budget thus requiring a revision to add \$100,000 to cover the initial cost of the legal advisory services; and

WHEREAS, the revised appropriation constitutes an update to the 2020-2021 Budget approved pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-92.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FAIRFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Fairfield Housing Authority the contract between the Fairfield Housing Authority and Goldfarb & Lipman, as attached hereto, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to provide legal advisory services to promote the development of mixed income housing.

Section 2. The Executive Director (or other authorized Fairfield Housing Authority Official) is hereby authorized to do all other acts and things necessary to implement this resolution.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves the appropriation of \$100,000 in unrestricted fund balance in Low Mod Income Housing Assets Fund for legal advisory services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: PRICE / BERTANI / MOY / PANDURO / TIMM / TONNESEN / VACCARO

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: _____

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: _____

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: _____

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY