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### FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 30635 FOR LEGAL SERVICES

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES is made and entered, in duplicate, as of January 19, 2010, pursuant to a minute order adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach on January 19, 2010, by and between MEYERS, NAVE, RIBACK, SILVER, & WILSON hereinafter referred to as "Special Counsel," and the CITY OF LONG BEACH, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City" amending that certain agreement ("Agreement") between Special Counsel and City and identified by the City as Agreement No. 30635.

WHEREAS, an Agreement for Legal Services with Special Counsel was entered into, for reference purposes only, on March 18, 2008, in the amount of \$295,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a First Amendment to Agreement No. 30635 for Legal Services is required to increase the amount by \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a Second Amendment to Agreement No. 30635 for Legal Services is required to increase the amount by \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a Third Amendment to Agreement No. 30635 for Legal Services is required to increase the amount by \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a Fourth Amendment to Agreement No. 30635 for Legal Services is required to increase the amount by \$200,000.00, in connection with the litigation of Michael Kenneth Paul Edwards vs. City of Long Beach, Case No. CV05-8990 GS (PLAx) and Davis Faris, et al vs. City of Long Beach, Case No. SACV07-954 JVS (ANx).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

Section 3 of said Contract No. 30635 is hereby amended in its entirety to read:

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۱	3. Fee. City shall pay to Special Counsel in due course of payments	
	compensation at the hourly rates identified in the staffing profile and reimbursement of	
	costs as further described herein in the "Guidelines" also attached hereto, not to exceed	
	One Million Ninety-Five Thousand (\$1,095,000.00).	
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to	
	be duly executed with all the formalities required by law on the respective dates set forth	
	opposite their signatures.	
	MEYERS, NAVE, RIBACK, SILVER & WILSON	
	DATED: 2-18-10  By While Special Counsel"	
	CITY OF LONG BEACH, a municipal corporation	
	DATED: 3.1.10  By  Assistant City Manager  City Manager  DECUTED PURSUANT	
	TO SECTION 301 OF THE CITY CHARTER.	
	The foregoing Fourth Amendment to Agreement No. 30635 for Legal	
	Services is approved as to form this 22 day of FeB , 2010.	
	ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney	
	By Wate W. Workit	
١	Principal Deputy City Attorney	

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#### **GUIDELINES FOR BILLING**

In addition to the provisions stated in the Terms and Conditions, the following guidelines for billing apply:

- 1. The City expects each individual working on the Matter to have the necessary experience to perform the Services required to protect or pursue the City's interests in the Matter in a cost effective manner.
- 2. The City expects Special Counsel to select the individual most suitable for the task required and the specific needs of the Matter, and to use the maximum efficiencies available. Billings for services performed by the inappropriate level of personnel will be reduced by the City based on rate adjustments for the appropriate level of personnel.
- timeline for the Matter. The budget shall include all projected fees and costs to be incurred by Special Counsel for the Matter, commencing on the date that Special Counsel receives the request. The budget and timeline shall include the specific tasks to be performed (including such things as discovery and motions for trial, preparation of documents for transactional services, and anticipated research and investigations). Special Counsel shall identify the projected total hours that will be billed and who will be performing those hours of service, plus fees and costs for each task. The budget and timeline shall be a good faith estimate and as complete as possible. Any deviation from the budget and any deviation over 10% on any task identified in the budget must be discussed in advance with the City Attorney, or designee, and the billing related to that task is subject to adjustment so as to conform to the budget.

In addition, the City Attorney or designee may request a written budget and timeline similar to the one described above, but relating specifically to one or more tasks necessary to the Matter.

If the billings of Special Counsel are approaching the "not to exceed" amount shown in the Purchase Order, then Special Counsel shall submit, in writing to the

City Attorney or designee, the reasons why additional funds will be required to complete the Services. Special Counsel is cautioned that the City cannot pay invoices which reflect fees over the "not to exceed" amount in the Purchase Order.

- 4. The City will not pay for unnecessary review of texts, codes, rules of court, or other fundamental references. The City will pay the hourly rate for specific legal research which is unique to the Matter, assuming that Special Counsel has used maximum efficiencies and that Special Counsel has not already performed research in the same or similar areas of law.
- attorneys in the firm. The City does, however, expect that intra-office conferences will only be held as needed, and will be kept to a minimum. Intra-office conferences shall be for the purpose of discussing strategy and legal issues which directly further the Matter. The City will not pay for conferences which are supervisorial or instructional (including conferences regarding case management). Any invoice which lists an intra-office conference that exceeds these guidelines must contain a full explanation and is subject to reduction by the City. The City will not pay for "team meetings" and the City will scrutinize all intra-office conferences for "value added" to the Matter by the intra-office conference, for the number of individuals attending the intra-office conference, the length of the conference, the subject(s) discussed at the conference and who participated in it and will, in the City's sole discretion, determine if such value was added.
- 6. The City will not pay for local telephone calls; incoming facsimiles; postage; time spent on filing, calendaring, indexing pleadings, and photocopying; conferences with Clerks of Court or court reporters; proofreading; re-drafting due to substandard work; time billed by summer associates; time for more than one individual at a trial, hearing, court appearance, arbitration, mediation, deposition, third party meeting, conference call or similar event (unless approved in advance by the City); opening, closing or organizing files; or other similar tasks.

- 7. Vague billing which does not contain sufficient information to allow the City's reviewer of the invoice to determine the nature of the task, the reason for the task and the individual performing the task is subject to reduction by the City. Examples of vague billing include but are not limited to the following: Attention to Matter, Review case and issues, Conference, Review correspondence, Arrangements, Telephone call, Discovery, Trial Preparation, Meeting, Update strategy, Motion work, Work on case or project, Pleadings, Work on file or discovery, Prepare for "xxx", Review documents, Legal Research or analysis.
- 8. All services billed by attorneys and paralegals must be actual legal services requiring the expertise of a legal provider. The City will not pay for more than eight (8) hours of Services per day without a detailed explanation of the need for time over eight hours and may reduce the invoice if the explanation is unsatisfactory, in the City's sole discretion.
- 9. The City will reimburse for facsimiles sent but not received by Special Counsel and photocopies made at a rate not to exceed \$.12 per page; the number of pages of facsimiles and to whom they were sent, and the number of pages or photocopies made must appear on the invoice. Special Counsel shall limit the making of photocopies and the sending of facsimiles. The City will reimburse actual costs for computerized legal research if it is reasonable and necessary; however, these charges are subject to review by the City.
- 10. The City will not reimburse for overtime, word processing (document production), supplies, anything identified on an invoice as "miscellaneous", or any other unidentified charges.
- attorney services to send and to file papers and other materials. The City reserves the right to reduce excessive charges for messengers and Federal Express or other similar services which are not fully explained or which are not necessary, in the City's determination.

- 12. A. The City will reimburse travel costs of Special Counsel only as described herein. Travel costs not addressed in these Guidelines are not reimbursable. Travel costs must be reasonable. The City will not reimburse for travel by more than one person of Special Counsel, unless approved in writing by the City Attorney or designee in advance of such travel. The City will not reimburse for excess costs caused by an indirect route chose for Special Counsel's personal reasons.
- B. As used in these Guidelines, "local travel" means travel that is 100 miles or less from the office of Special Counsel or from his/her home. "Extended travel" means travel that is more than 100 miles from the office of Special Counsel or from his/her home.
- C. The City will not reimburse for local travel. However, the City will reimburse for the actual cost of parking that is necessitated by local travel. The City will not reimburse for meals in connection with local travel. While Special Counsel is on local travel, the City will pay fifty percent (50%) of the hourly rate of Special Counsel.
- D. The City must approve all extended travel <u>in advance</u>. The City will reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the actual costs of extended travel, unless Special Counsel can substantiate the need for full reimbursement. Special Counsel shall use its best efforts to make airline reservations far enough in advance to take advantage of reduced air fares and shall take advantage of other promotional air fairs that reduce costs. In any case, travel by air shall be at economy, coach, or other lower fare. The City will not reimburse for travel insurance.

Special Counsel should use a rental car while on extended travel only when necessary and when the cost of a rental car will be less than other forms of ground transportation. If the use of a rental car meets the preceding criteria, then the City will reimburse for a compact vehicle for one person, a mid-sized vehicle for two persons, and a standard size vehicle for three or more persons. The City will not reimburse for luxury vehicles, vans, or 4x4 vehicles.

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E. Special Counsel\_shall submit a travel expense report on the City's form after completing extended travel. Special Counsel shall submit receipts or other evidence of payment relating to each item for which Special Counsel seeks reimbursement.

### **ATTACHMENT 1**

### MEYERS, NAVE, RIBACK, SILVER & WILSON RATE SHEET

Sr. Principal	275
Principal	260
Sr. Of Counsel	275
Jr. Of Counsel	260
Sr. Associate	225
Associate	195
Paralegal	140
Law Clerk	110
Other	55

Hourly rates set forth above are reviewed and amended annually in January of each year.

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