

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY TO PROVIDE CONTINUED LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, EXTENDING THE TERM, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023, AND THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER THE AGREEMENT BY \$636,177.63, TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,792,948.63, AND GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF THESE SERVICES

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, according to the American Community Survey, a third of San Mateo County residents are foreign born and many of these residents have children who are U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, these immigrants are important to the vitality of our community and to the San Mateo County economy; and

WHEREAS, rhetoric and threatened actions aimed at immigrants throughout the United States in past years have created fear and uncertainty among the County's immigrant population, and this Board has identified a continuing need for legal services to support our immigrant population and to address some of the sources of fear and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, such needed services include: workshops to inform immigrants of the full range of their legal rights and the potential benefits to which they may be

entitled; brief one-on-one legal consultations; and assistance with affirmatively applying for immigration relief; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (“Legal Aid Society”) has provided such services since 2017, and the County has most recently contracted with the Legal Aid Society to provide such services for immigrants residing in San Mateo County for the period beginning July 1, 2019, and as most recently amended, the term of that agreement is through June 30, 2023, and the maximum amount authorized to be expended is not to exceed \$1,156,771 (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society has exceeded the deliverables required under its agreement with the County by hosting over 100 workshops which have reached over 2,000 individuals and by providing legal representation to over 1,000 residents of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, turmoil in eastern Europe and other parts of the world has created a need to continue to welcome and support newcomers and grant immigration relief via low/no cost immigration legal services to these individuals; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented for its consideration a fourth amendment to the Agreement, which will extend the term of the Agreement, effective July 1, 2023, and through June 30, 2025, and increase the maximum amount payable under the Agreement by \$636,177.63, for an amount not to exceed \$1,792,948.63 (“Fourth Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Fourth Amendment as to form and content and desires to enter into it; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously waived the competitive bidding process for services provided by the Legal Aid Society under the Agreement, and given the Legal Aid Society's unique experience working in and with affected San Mateo County communities and their ability to provide legal services without interruption on active cases for additional years, the Board desires that the request for proposal process again be waived with respect to the services covered by the Fourth Amendment pursuant to Administrative Memorandum B-1, IV.B.1 ("Expert witnesses, legal defense, legal advice, or other legal services") and San Mateo Ordinance Code Section 2.83.050(e) (providing the Board "may waive any of the provisions of this chapter which require competitive bidding in any situation where the Board of Supervisors determines that the best interests of the County would be served without the necessity of competitive bidding").

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the requirement of a request for proposals is waived and the President of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Fourth Amendment for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of this Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute further amendments to the Agreement which modify the County's

maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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