

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD 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 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER THE AGREEMENT BY \$295,651, TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,156,771

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 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, 2022, and the maximum amount authorized to be expended is not to exceed \$861,120; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society has exceeded the deliverables required under its agreement with the County by hosting close to 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, during this current crisis, with the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, our most vulnerable community members continue to need access to low/no cost immigration legal services; 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 with a further amendment to the Agreement, which will extend the term of the Agreement through

June 30, 2023 and increase the maximum amount payable under the agreement by \$295,651, for an amount not to exceed \$1,156,771; and

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

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County has familiarity with the legal needs of San Mateo County residents, long experience working with these populations, and the ability to continue providing these services without interruption and, therefore, the best interest of the County could be served without the necessity of requests for proposals in this case.

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 said amendment to the agreement 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 Manager or the County Manager's designee is authorized to execute contract amendments 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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