

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Contractor Name and Address ("Contractor"):

Christopher Micheli

Snodgrass & Micheli, LLC

7148 Sutter Ave

Carmichael, CA 95608

Agreement No. _____

Contractor: Upon completion of work or agreed-upon work periods, mail invoice with above Agreement Number to:

Department: County Manager's Office

Attention: Connie Juarez-Diroll

Address: 400 County Center, 1st floor

City, State, Zip: Redwood City, CA 94063

It is agreed between the County of San Mateo, California ("County"), and Contractor as follows:

1. **Services to be performed by Contractor.** In consideration of the payments hereinafter set forth, Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth herein and in Exhibit A attached hereto for the County of San Mateo, County Manager's Office.
2. **Contract Term.** The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2015, unless terminated earlier by the County.
3. **Payments.** In consideration of the services rendered in accordance with all terms, conditions, and specifications set forth herein and any Exhibit(s) or attachment(s) attached hereto, County shall make payment to Contractor in the manner specified herein and in Exhibit A. In the event that the County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by the County at the time of contract termination. County reserves the right to withhold payment if County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. Contractor will be paid on a monthly basis at a rate of four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$4,750) from May 2014 through December 2015. In no event shall total payment for services under this Agreement exceed Nineteen Thousand dollars (\$19,000).
4. **Relationship of the Parties.** Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an Independent Contractor and not as an employee of the County and that neither Contractor nor its employees/agents acquires any of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.
5. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Contractor shall have in effect during the entire term of this Agreement workers' compensation and employer liability insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, (a) that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Code, and (b) that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.
6. **Other Insurance.** Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement such bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance as shall protect Contractor and all of its employees/officers/agents while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or by an agent of either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amount(s) specified below:
 - ☒ Comprehensive General Liability \$1,000,000 (applies to all agreements)
 - ☐ Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance \$1,000,000 (to be checked if motor vehicle used in performing services)
 - ☐ Professional Liability..... \$1,000,000 (to be checked if Contractor is a licensed professional)
7. **Hold Harmless.** Contractor agrees to indemnify and defend County and its employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, and liability in any way occasioned by or arising out of the negligence of Contractor and/or its employees/officers/agents in the performance of this Agreement, including any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply with any law, regulation, or ordinance, including but not limited to those listed in this Agreement.
8. **Confidentiality.** All data produced or compiled by Contractor shall be considered confidential unless it can be obtained as public record and shall not be shared with a third party without the prior written consent of County. All financial, statistical, personal, technical, and other data and information relating to the County's operations which is made available to Contractor

in order to carry out this Agreement shall be presumed to be confidential. Contractor shall protect said data and information from unauthorized use and disclosure by the observance of the same or more effective procedures as the County requires of its own personnel. Contractor shall not, however, be required by this Section to keep confidential any data or information which is or becomes publicly available, is already rightfully in Contractor's possession, is independently developed by Contractor outside the scope of the Agreement, or is rightfully obtained from third parties. The requirements of this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

9. **Non-Assignability.** Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion thereof to a third party without the prior written consent of County, and any attempted assignment without such prior written consent in violation of this Section shall automatically give County the option to terminate this Agreement without notice.
10. **Termination of Agreement.** The County Purchasing Agent may, at any time after execution of Agreement, terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the County by giving written notice specifying the effective date and scope of such termination. Termination shall be effective on a date not less than thirty (30) days from said notice. In the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and materials prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of County and shall be promptly delivered to County. In the event of termination, Contractor shall be paid for all work satisfactorily performed through the date of termination except where the contracting department determines the quality or quantity of the work performed is unacceptable. Such payment shall be that portion of the full payment which is determined by comparing the work/services completed to the work/services required by the Agreement. County may immediately terminate this Agreement based upon unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after County learns of said unavailability of funding.
11. **Payment of Permits/Licenses.** Contractor bears responsibility to obtain any license, permit, or approval required from any agency for work/services to be performed under this Agreement at Contractor's own expense prior to commencement of said work/services. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of any right to compensation under this Agreement.
12. **Non-Discrimination.** No person shall be denied any services provided pursuant to this Agreement (except as limited by the scope of services) on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information. Contractor shall ensure full compliance with federal, state, and local laws, directives, and executive orders regarding non-discrimination for all employees and Subcontractors under this Agreement. Contractor shall comply fully with the non-discrimination requirements of 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), which is incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to: i) termination of this Agreement; ii) disqualification of Contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years; iii) liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation; and/or iv) imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Manager shall have the authority to examine Contractor's employment records with respect to compliance with this Section and/or set off all or any portion of the amount described in this Section against amounts due to Contractor under the Agreement or any other contract with County.

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing by any person in any court of any complaint of discrimination or the filing by any person of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or any other entity charged with the investigation of allegations within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include the name of the complainant, a copy of such complaint, and a description of the circumstance. Contractor shall provide County with a copy of its response to the Complaint when filed.

Contractor shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of this contract. This paragraph applies only to contractors who are providing services to members of the public under this Agreement.

13. **Equal Benefits.** With respect to the provision of benefits to its employees, Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.84 of the County Ordinance Code, which prohibits contractors from discriminating in the provision of employee benefits between an employee with a domestic partner and an employee with a spouse. In order to meet the requirements of Chapter 2.84, Contractor must certify which of the following statements is/are accurate:

- ☐ Contractor complies with Chapter 2.84 by:
 - ☐ offering the same benefits to its employees with spouses and its employees with domestic partners.

- ☐ offering, in the case where the same benefits are not offered to its employees with spouses and its employees with domestic partners, a cash payment to an employee with a domestic partner that is equal to Contractor's cost of providing the benefit to an employee with a spouse.
- ☐ Contractor is exempt from having to comply with Chapter 2.84 because it has no employees or does not provide benefits to employees' spouses.
- ☐ Contractor does not comply with Chapter 2.84, and a waiver must be sought.

14. **History of Discrimination.** Contractor must check one of the two following options, and by executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that the option selected is accurate:

- ☐ No finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or any other investigative entity.
- ☐ Finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or other investigative entity. If this box is checked, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination.

15. **Retention of Records.** Contractor shall maintain all records related to this Agreement for no fewer than three years after the County makes final payment or after termination of this Agreement and all other pending matters are closed. All records shall be subject to the examination and/or audit by agents of the County, the State of California, other regulatory agencies, and/or Federal grantor agencies.

16. **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).** One of the following responses must be selected by the Department. Is the Contractor a Business Associate? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" is checked, then the following requirements apply and Attachment H must be included: Contractor shall perform all services in accordance with HIPAA and the Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended, and will comply with the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment H.

17. **Compliance with State, Federal, and Local Laws, Regulations, and Ordinances.** Contractor and all subcontractors shall ensure compliance with all state, federal, and local laws, regulations, or rules applicable to performance of the work required under this Agreement and shall execute all necessary certifications of compliance therewith. Contractor certifies that the Contractor and all of its subcontractors will adhere to and certify compliance with all applicable provisions of San Mateo County Ordinance Code, including, without limitation, Chapter 4.106, which regulates the use of disposable food service ware, and Chapter 2.84, which addresses equal benefits.

The parties further agree and acknowledge that Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Revenue & Taxation Code section 7056 which limits the disclosure of confidential taxpayer information contained in the records of the State Board of Equalization. The following conditions specified in Section 7056(b)(1) of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby made part of this agreement:

- a. Contractor is authorized by this Agreement to examine sales or transactions and use tax records of the Board of Equalization provided to County, including those provided pursuant to contract under the Bradley-Burns Uniform Sales and Use Tax Law.
- b. Contractor is required to disclose information contained in, or derived from, those sales or transactions and use tax records only to an officer or employee of the County who is authorized by resolution to examine the information.
- c. Contractor is prohibited from performing consulting services for a retailer, as defined in California Revenue & Taxation Code Section 6015, during the term of this Agreement.
- d. Contractor is prohibited from retaining the information contained in, or derived from those sales or transactions and use tax records, after this Agreement has expired.
- e. Contractor agrees that information obtained by examination of Board of Equalization records shall be used only for purposes related to collection of local sales or transactions and use tax or for other governmental functions of the County as set forth by resolution adopted pursuant to Section 7056 (b) of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- f. The Parties agree and acknowledge that Contractor will be authorized by Resolution to access confidential sales or transactions and use tax records from the State Board of Equalization for the County.

18. **Merger Clause.** This Agreement, including all exhibits/attachments attached hereto, which are incorporated herein by this reference, constitutes the sole agreement of the parties hereto and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties

not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications shall be in writing and signed by the County Purchasing Agent. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement or specification set forth in the body of this Agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement or specification in any exhibit and/or attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of the body of this Agreement shall prevail. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between County and Contractor. Further, liability referenced to in Section 6 is limited to Contractor's negligence during Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

19. **Governing Law.** This Agreement, including any exhibits, and any disputes arising out of this Agreement shall for all purposes be deemed subject to the laws of the State of California without regard to its choice of law rules, and any lawsuit concerning or arising out of this Agreement shall be venued in the County of San Mateo.

20. **Jury Duty Requirements.** Contractor agrees that if this Agreement is amended to a total value exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code.

21. **Electronic Signature.** If both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo, both boxes below must be checked. Any party that agrees to allow digital signature of this Agreement may revoke such agreement at any time in relation to all future documents by providing written notice to the other party.

For County: ☒ If this box is checked by County, County consents to the use of electronic signatures in relation to this Agreement.

For Contractor: ☐ If this box is checked by Contractor, Contractor consents to the use of electronic signatures in relation to this Agreement.

THIS CONTRACT IS NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES.

– Signatures Follow on Next Page –

For Contractor:

Contractor Signature

Date

Contractor Name (please print)

For County:

I hereby certify that the services requested are necessary, that the selection process documentation is accurate, that all insurance certificates including Workers' Compensation are on file in this office, that Risk Management has approved any reductions in Contractor's insurance limits below \$1,000,000, and that no work will commence until this document is signed by the County Purchasing Agent.

Contract Requestor Signature
County of San Mateo

November 12, 2014
Date

Connie Juarez-Diroll
Contract Requestor Name (please print)
County of San Mateo

Legislative Director
Contract Requestor Title (please print)

Purchasing Agent Signature
(Department Head or Designee)
County of San Mateo

Date

Michael Callagy

Purchasing Agent Name (please print)
(Department Head or Designee)
County of San Mateo

Deputy County Manager

Purchasing Agent Title (please print)

12140

Budget Unit

Distribution: 1 copy to each: Purchasing Agent, Controller, and Contractor

(Revised 7/26/13)

Exhibit A

Agreement between the County of San Mateo and Political Solutions, LLC

1. Description of Services to be Performed by Contractor

In consideration of the payments set forth in Section 2, **\$6,666.66 per month**, Contractor shall provide the following services:

In consultation with the County's Legislative Director and the Board of Supervisors, the Contractor shall provide the County with tax issue advocacy services related to state and local taxes, which shall include, as necessary, review of sales or transactions and use tax records.

The County Manager and Legislative Director reserve the right to make minor modifications to the scope of services, which services will be provided at additional cost to the County.

2. Amount and Method of Payment

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor pursuant to Section 1, **Description of Services to be Performed by Contractor**, and subject to the terms of the Agreement, County shall pay Contractor based on the following schedule and terms:

The contract will be paid an amount of \$4,750 per month, for a period of three months beginning in May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. In no event shall total payment for services under this Agreement exceed Nineteen Thousand dollars (\$19,000).