

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

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

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**ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN 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, 2021 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER THE AGREEMENT BY \$287,040, TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$574,080**

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**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 United States citizens; and

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

**WHEREAS**, current conditions, including on-going rhetoric and threatened actions aimed at immigrants throughout the United States, 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 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**, pursuant to Resolution No. 076723 of this Board, the County contracted with the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County to provide such services for immigrants residing in San Mateo County for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$287,040; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County has met and exceeded deliverables with hosting more than 44 workshops that have reached over 1,500 individuals and have provided legal representation to over 700 residents of San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, during this current crisis with the ongoing pandemic, our most vulnerable community members continue to need access to low/no cost immigration legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has been presented with an amendment to the agreement for consideration, under which the term of the agreement under which Legal Aid Society will work with subcontracted immigrant-serving agencies to provide such services will be extended through June 30, 2021 and the maximum amount payable under the agreement will be increased by \$287,040, for an amount not to exceed \$574,080, including workshops; legal referrals; brief individual consultations; assistance with applying for certain immigration-related benefits; and initial and immediate assistance in responding to enforcement actions; and

**WHEREAS**, this 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 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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