



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

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April 25, 2023

Introduced: 3/31/2023

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: BoS Agreement

Authorize the County Counsel to execute an Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Specialized Attorney Services (“Agreement”) with the Law Offices of Kelly Wachs, P.C., for independent consulting and legal services with respect to employment-based immigration law matters for Natividad Medical Center, adding \$110,000 for a total contract liability of \$210,000, with no change to the term April 10, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Law Office of Kelly S. Wachs, P.C, assists the County of Monterey in navigating the complex immigration process related to employment. Located in Aptos, California, the law firm provides County departments with services related to obtaining temporary work visas or visas for permanent residence in the United States for their employees. Natividad Medical Center seeks the law firm’s continued assistance with H-1B visas, employment-based visas for permanent residence., and I-140 adjustments of status.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to fiscal provisions. The Agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad’s Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on April 14, 2023.

FINANCING:

The cost for this amendment is \$110,000 of which \$110,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement is for the provision of employment-based immigration law matters. This agreement

directly assists Natividad in maintaining legally required staffing levels for patient care and safety.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health and Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Approved by: Charles R. Harris, Chief Executive Officer, 783-2553

Attachments:

Amendment No. 1 to Specialized Services Agreement with Law Offices of Kelly S. Wachs
Law Office of Kelly S. Wachs Original Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board

Charles R Harris
Charles R. Harris, M.D., Chief Executive Officer

04/03/2023
Date