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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:**

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**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Foley & Lardner, LLP specializes in healthcare law, and has for years provided advice and counsel, in consultation with the Office of the County Counsel, on a variety of healthcare-related issues to NMC. The firm represents the California Association of Public Hospitals (CAPH) and works frequently with the state government and CAPH in drafting legislation for the benefit of public hospitals statewide. The firm’s expertise in public hospital healthcare law, in areas such as Medi-Cal funding to hospitals, specifically regarding the structuring of Medicaid financing for safety net providers in the context of disproportionate share hospital payment programs and under federal Medicaid demonstrations authorized under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act, is of significant importance to Natividad Medical Center.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Council has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. This Agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad’s Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on June 9, 2023.

**FINANCING:**

The cost for this amendment is \$300,000, of which \$150,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget. Amounts for the remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

The services rendered in this agreement provide legal consulting services, as needed, with respect to healthcare matters; the outcome of which contributes to assisting Natividad run efficient business operations.

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

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Attachments:

Foley and Lardner LLP Original Agreement  
Foley and Lardner LLP Amendment No. 1 to Original Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board