

NOTICE

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URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AGENDA

**Tuesday, December 02, 2008
6:50 PM**

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO VARIOUS LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

December 2, 2008

TO: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR: HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

FROM: GENERAL COUNSEL

RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO VARIOUS LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR.

SUMMARY:

The Urban Community Development Commission ("Commission"), acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Compton ("Agency"), will consider adoption of a Resolution which will authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into legal services retainer agreements with the law firms of Meyers Nave and Richard Watson and Gershon.

BACKGROUND:

Over the years, the Commission has exercised its discretion to employ outside legal counsel to assist the Agency and the Office of the Agency's General Counsel by retaining the services of various law firms to provide consultation and representational services on matters which requires specific expertise, to act in lieu of the Office of the General Counsel in the presence of conflicts, and to work jointly with the Office of the General Counsel on specific projects.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

While the Office of the General Counsel employs very competent and well rounded attorneys, occasionally the Agency is faced with legal matters that involve very complex issues that invoke constantly evolving judicial decisions and legal consequences which necessitate the employ of attorneys with highly specialized legal training and experience.

The Office of the General Counsel anticipates that, in addition to general consultation and representational services, the redevelopment law, eminent domain and disposition and development agreements expertise of Meyers Nave and Richard, Watson and Gershon will be required on an as-needed basis during the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available for payment on the retainer agreements in the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year budget of the Agency in Account Number 4000-800-000-4261.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of this office that the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Secretary to enter into legal retainer agreements with the law firms of Meyers Nave and Richard Watson and Gershon for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 be adopted.

**CRAIG J. CORNWELL
GENERAL COUNSEL**

**CHARLES EVANS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO VARIOUS LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Urban Community Development Commission ("UCDC"), acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Compton ("Agency") is carrying out the Redevelopment Plan for the Compton Redevelopment Project Area, as merged and amended by Ordinance No. 2,114, adopted by the City Council of the City of Compton on November 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Agency has retained the services of various outside law firms to assist the Agency and the Agency's General Counsel with specific cases and in specialized areas of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has identified the need to secure expert legal consulting and advocacy services to assist the Agency and the Office of the Agency's General Counsel on an as-needed basis with specialized issues and projects pertaining to redevelopment law, eminent domain, disposition and development agreements and other needs of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, funds to cover the cost of legal services retainer agreements, in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000, are available in the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year budget of the Agency in Account No. 4000-800-000-4261.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Executive Secretary, upon the advice of the Agency's General Counsel, is hereby authorized to enter into legal retainer agreements with the law firms of Meyers Nave and Richard Watson and Gershon on an as-needed basis for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.

Section 2. That the retainer agreements shall be paid from the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year budget of the Agency in Account No. 4000-800-000-4261 and shall collectively not exceed \$400,000, based on an hourly rate of not more than \$300.00.

Section 3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the offices of the Executive Secretary, Clerk to the Commission, City Controller and Agency General Legal Counsel.

Section 4. That the Chairman shall sign and the Commission Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF COMPTON)

I, Alita Godwin, Clerk of the Urban Community Development Commission of the City of Compton, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission, signed by the Chairman and attested by the Commission Clerk at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

That said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS -
NOES: COMMISSIONERS -
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS -
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS -

CLERK OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION