

October 24, 2024

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Hon. Nina Sherwood, Majority Leader
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Re: Designation of Counsel pursuant to the City Charter

Attn: Barbara Montalvo, Legislative Officer

Dear Corporation Counsel Cassone and Legislative Leaders:

I have been advised that the Board of Representatives voted 31-1-5 on the 16th of October to designate Attorney Steven G. Mednick and me to serve as counsel with respect to issues arising from statements made during and following the recent primary for State representative in the 148th District by Representative Anabel Figueroa (D-8) against her colleague, Representative Jonathan Jacobson (D-12). The designation is made pursuant to Sec. C1-90-1 of the Charter and also comports with the provisions of Sec. C5-20-3 as well. Attorney Mednick will provide you with a retainer under separate cover.

This engagement will be strictly confined to the issues raised by the statements, including due diligence review of any and all information pertinent to the issue and a recommendation of appropriate action by the Board of Representatives if any, under Sec. C1-90-1 of the Charter or other legislative actions. During the due diligence period Attorney Mednick and I will work with the leadership to determine whether this initial review should be assigned to a committee of jurisdiction, retained by leadership or placed in the hands of the counsel for the purpose of reviewing the facts, and developing charges, if any, or any other legislative action that may be warranted. We will prepare rules of procedure to be followed so that we may assure all parties that this process will be fair and just.

As the leadership has publicly said that it has not discussed or come to any conclusions about the particular course of action or expected outcomes we are hopeful that the entire body will remain circumspect and allow counsel to conduct an expeditious and fair review.

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My representation is limited to the matters as described in this letter. It is my policy to confirm, in writing, the nature of the engagement and the terms of my legal representation. If you do not understand all of the terms or language in this engagement agreement, please contact me prior to signing any engagement agreement.

Scope of Representation. I would be engaged to work with the Board of Representatives with regard to the review of the incident set forth, above. I will work alongside Attorney Mednick as well as the legislative leadership, the Corporation Counsel on this matter. In the event it is determined that litigation assistance will be required, I will coordinate with appropriate qualified attorneys from Halloran & Sage to provide such services at rates commensurate with my rate identified below, with lower rates for any associates or paralegals who may become involved.

Legal Fees and Billing Statements: I will submit a bill to you every thirty (30) days. Expenses, if any, will be separately stated on the bill and my fees will be charged as indicated below. My billing statements are due and payable upon presentation, and are overdue if not paid by the due date set forth on the statements. You are responsible for payment of all legal fees, expenses, and disbursements, regardless of the outcome of the Project or any step in the process. Of course, I cannot guarantee the success of any venture, only the commitment to provide you with the services set forth in this letter.

My rate for this engagement will be in the amount of \$265.00 per hour, discounted from my standard rate of \$395.00 per hour. My statement for services is the product of the hours worked multiplied by my hourly rate. I will review my monthly billing statement before it is issued to insure that the amount charged is appropriate. It is my policy to describe services performed in a detailed manner so that you may be able to understand fully the services and the charges. If there are any questions relating to the services or the charges, I will be pleased to discuss them with you at the earliest possible time after receipt of the billing statement, since the matters will be freshest in my memory at that time. Accordingly, you agree to notify me in writing or email within thirty (30) days of receiving our billing statement if you dispute any entry for legal services or charges on any billing statement. In the absence of any written objections thereto within thirty (30) days of your receipt of a billing statement, you will be deemed to have accepted and acknowledged the billing statement as correct through the period covered by the billing statement. So long as payments are faithfully made, I will not require a retainer.

Expenses: In addition, I may bill and would expect payment for out-of-pocket expenses such as copying and other necessary expenses which I will discuss with you prior to expenditure, if the item will exceed \$100.00. Third-party expenses may be forwarded directly to you for payment.

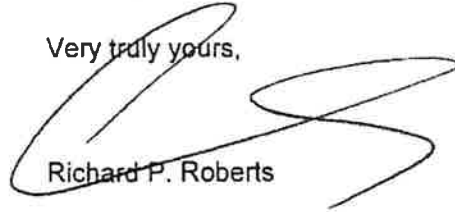
You may terminate our services at any time. If you wish to terminate our services, our engagement will cease upon notification to us.

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If you have any other matters to be handled by us, the terms and conditions of this letter shall control unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

If this letter accurately sets forth your understanding of our engagement, please sign and return the enclosed duplicate original to the undersigned. I sincerely thank you for allowing us to partner with you on this project and look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,



Richard P. Roberts

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Enclosure

AGREED and ACKNOWLEDGED:



Hon. Jeff Curtis
President, Board of Representatives

10/23/24
Date



Thomas Cassone, Esq.
Director of Legal Affairs

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Date