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## Steven G. Mednick

Attorney

22 October 2023

Hon. Jeff Curtis, President  
Hon. Megan Cottrell, Clerk  
Hon. Nina Sherwood, Majority Leader  
Hon. Mary Fedeli, Minority Leader  
Hon. Virgil de la Cruz, Deputy Maj. Leader  
Hon. Eric Morson, Deputy Majority Leader  
Hon. David Watkins, Deputy Minority Leader  
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Attorney Thomas Cassone  
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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 16<sup>th</sup> of October to designate Attorney Richard Roberts of Halloran Sage<sup>1</sup> 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 148<sup>th</sup> 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 Roberts 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 Roberts 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.

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<sup>1</sup> In the event of litigation, we will utilize additional services of Halloran Sage to assist us, if necessary.

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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.

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 Roberts and any litigator from his firm as well as the legislative leadership, the Corporation Counsel on this matter.

**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. 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.

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**File Retention and Destruction:** At the conclusion of your matter, this matter will be closed, and I will retain a client file of your matter for a period of seven (7) years. I may store some or all client file materials in a digital format. In the process of digitizing such documents, any original paper documents provided by you will be returned to you. Any copies of paper documents provided by you will not be returned to you unless you request such copies in writing. After any or all paper documents are digitized, I will destroy all paper documents in the client file, subject to the exceptions noted above. At the expiration of the seven (7) year period, I will destroy all client file materials unless you notify me in writing that you wish to take possession of them.

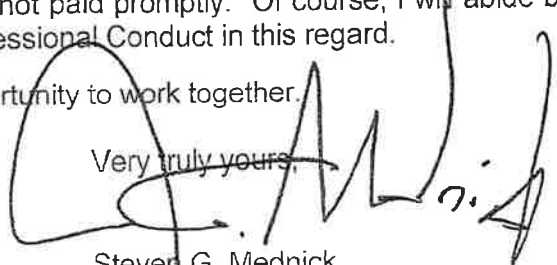
**Client Review of this Agreement:** You have a right to have this engagement agreement reviewed by another law firm prior to signing it. Likewise, you have the right to review this engagement agreement outside the presence of this law firm and away from the law firm's office prior to signing it. You understand that this law firm is not retained until the signed original engagement agreement is returned to me.

If you have any questions or concerns about the terms of this engagement agreement, please contact us immediately. On behalf of the law firm, we appreciate the opportunity to represent you in this matter. By signing this agreement, I confirm that have I read this engagement agreement, understand its provisions, and agree to abide by it.

You would have a right to terminate my representation at any time. I would have the same right, and at my sole option, to discontinue the provision of legal consulting services if invoices are not paid promptly. Of course, I will abide by the standards set on the Rules of Professional Conduct in this regard.

I hope we will have an opportunity to work together.

Very truly yours,



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Agreed to this \_\_\_ day of October, 2024

**City of Stamford**

By:   
Thomas Cassone  
Its Director of Legal Affairs

**City of Stamford  
Board of Representatives**

By:   
Jeff Curtis  
Its President