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CITY OF PITTSBURGH
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS
CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

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President and Members of Council
City of Pittsburgh
City Council Chambers
520 City-County Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 - 2464

RE: Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement with Jeffrey Ruder, Esq.
for legal services specific to City Code Chapter 659.03: Unlawful Housing Practices enforcement.

Dear Members of Council:

Enclosed is a proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Commission on Human Relations to enter into an Agreement with Jeffrey Ruder, Esq. to provide legal services with regard to fair housing law enforcement.

The cost of the proposed contract, which in final form will be approved by the City's Solicitor, will be an initial \$25,000.00, payable from the Commission's HUD Trust Fund. This agreement will also contain language that provides the Commission the option to extend the contract for two (2) additional years, into 2021 and 2022. The JD Edwards codes as follows:

1050263000.53517.00. (2020)
1050263000.53517.00. (2021)
1050263000.53517.00. (2022)

Also enclosed in this packet is a waiver of the competitive process form, as reviewed and signed by City Solicitor Matthew Stidle. The Commission respectfully requests a waiver to engage in a contract with Jeffery Ruder, Esq. in order to continue his service as Housing Solicitor. Attorney Ruder has been serving the Commission in this capacity since 2002, and is involved with the enforcement of several fair housing settlement agreements before the Commission. In addition, Attorney Ruder performs a vital role in providing legal updates to Commissioners regarding Fair Housing case law changes, and guidance for staff.

Please let us know if you need anything further or have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Megan Stanley
Executive Director

Enclosures

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