CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 23-142

RESOLUTION

TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF LYNN E. PANAGAKOS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT DONNA YUK LAN LEONG IN A MATTER ENTITLED UNITED STATES V. DONNA YUK LAN LEONG, ET AL., CRIMINAL NO. CR21-00142 LEK (USDC).

WHEREAS, DONNA YUK LAN LEONG ("LEONG") is a named Defendant and has tendered her defense and requested legal representation in the matter entitled United States v. Donna Yuk Lan Leong, et al., Criminal No. CR21-00142 LEK (USDC) ("the Action"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (2017 Edition) ("RCH") Section 5-203, "[t]he corporation counsel shall serve as the chief legal adviser and legal representative of all agencies, the council and all officers and employees in matters relating to their official powers and duties"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCH Section 5-204.3, "[w]here the corporation counsel has been disqualified, special counsel may be retained by any officer or employee in matters relating to the official powers and duties of such officer or employee"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Corporation Counsel has determined that there is a real and identifiable conflict of interest which prohibits it from representing LEONG in the Action; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, it is necessary to appoint and retain Special Counsel to represent and defend LEONG in the Action; and

WHEREAS, LYNN E. PANAGAKOS, Attorney at Law, possesses the specialized legal knowledge and expertise to defend LEONG as Special Counsel in the Action; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that:

1. Pursuant to RCH Section 5-204.3, the City Council authorizes the appointment and retention of Lynn E. Panagakos, Attorney at Law as Special Counsel to represent LEONG in the Action; and

2. The total sum to be expended to pay Special Counsel shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand dollars ($100,000.00), but this amount may be increased by the Council if it is satisfied with the justification made upon the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel for an increase in the stated maximum amount; and

3. Special Counsel may be paid monthly for its services, provided that it submits to the Department of the Corporation Counsel an itemized monthly statement reflecting the specific services rendered, together with the total number of hours billed for the specific services at one-tenth of an hour, and the Department of the Corporation Counsel reviews and approves the statements before any payments may be made by the City; and

4. The Director of Budget and Fiscal Services is authorized to execute a contract with Lynn E. Panagakos, Attorney at Law for the legal representation of LEONG in the Action; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Council that the Clerk be and is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Department of the Corporation Counsel and to Lynn E. Panagakos, Attorney at Law, 841 Bishop Street, Suite 2201, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

INTRODUCED BY:

(br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 22 2023

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced:	06/22/23	By:	TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM - BY REQUEST	Committee:	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

06/20/23	EMLA	Reported out for adoption. CR-184 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS 1 ABSENT: WEYER
06/22/23	INTRO	Introduced.
07/12/23	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 7 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, WATERS, WEYER 1 NO: OKIMOTO 1 ABSENT: TUPOLA

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER