

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 24-99

RESOLUTION

TO RETAIN THE LEGAL SERVICES OF THE GIFFORDS LAW CENTER TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE AS SPECIAL DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN A LEGAL ACTION ENTITLED *NELSON, ET AL. V. HONOLULU CITY AND COUNTY*, 24-CV-00100-MWJS-RT (D. HAW.)

WHEREAS Benjamin Nelson, Corey Kahalawai, Kirk Kama, and the Hawaii Firearms Coalition (collectively "Plaintiffs") filed a complaint against the City in United States District Court on March 1, 2024, alleging that the Honolulu Police Department violated their constitutional rights in delaying the issuance of their licenses to carry concealed firearms; and

WHEREAS, *Nelson v. Honolulu City and County*, 24-CV-00100-MWJS-RT (D. Haw.) ("Legal Action"), is an ongoing case and requires attorneys with specialized knowledge and expertise in firearms-related litigation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-204 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2023) ("RCH"), the Corporation Counsel has determined that because the Legal Action will involve specialized knowledge and expertise, it is necessary to be represented by attorneys with such knowledge and expertise to effectively advocate and litigate the position of the City; and

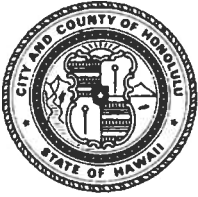
WHEREAS, the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence ("Giffords") possess the requisite specialized knowledge and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Giffords has offered its legal services to the City *pro bono*; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to retain Giffords as special deputies corporation counsel to represent the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Corporation Counsel seeks to retain the services of Giffords to represent the City in the Legal Action as special deputies corporation counsel; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-204.1, RCH, provides that special deputies may be appointed by the Corporation Counsel with the approval of the City Council; now, therefore,



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

Pursuant to RCH Sections 5-203 and 5-204.1, the City Council authorizes the retention of the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence as special deputy corporation counsel, to represent the City in *Nelson v. Honolulu City and County*, 24-CV-00100-MWJS-RT (D. Haw.); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Managing Director, the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, 268 Bush Street #555, San Francisco, CA 94104, and to the Corporation Counsel.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 11 2024

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 04/11/24 By: TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM - BY REQUEST Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA)

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

04/02/24	EMLA	Reported out for adoption. CR-103 8 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, OKIMOTO, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER 1 ABSENT: KIA'ĀINA
04/11/24	INTRO	Introduced.
04/17/24	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted. 6 AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, WATERS, WEYER 1 NO: OKIMOTO 2 ABSENT: TULBA, 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