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FROM CITY ATTORNEY

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March 7, 2007

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
Palo Alto, California

RE: Request for Authorization to Increase Existing Contract with the Law Firm of Littler & Mendelson by an additional \$40,000 for a Total Contract Not to Exceed Amount of \$165,000

Dear Members of the Council:

The City Attorney's Office requests authorization to increase the existing contract with the law firm of Littler & Mendelson by an additional \$40,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$165,000 for litigation services relating to personnel matters as well as advisory services related to labor and employment.

Littler & Mendelson was initially retained to represent the City in personnel litigation in 1999/2000. Starting again in 2005, Littler Mendelson was retained for advisory and litigation matters including arbitrations. Approximately \$63,000 was paid to the Littler firm under the 2005-06 contract. We estimate that \$165,000 will be needed for the 2006-07 contract. In order to meet the legal needs of the City, the Office of the City Attorney requests that the existing legal services agreement be increased by an additional \$40,000.

The funding for this contract does not require additional budgetary authority as it can be accommodated within our existing budget.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. M. Baum".

GARY M. BAUM
City Attorney

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