

OAKLAND OVERSIGHT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2013- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE OAKLAND OVERSIGHT BOARD APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO ENTER INTO A FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF SEDGWICK LLP AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF THE OVERSIGHT BOARD'S LEGAL FILES AND RECORDS FROM STEIN & LUBIN LLP TO SEDGWICK LLP

WHEREAS, the California state legislature enacted Assembly Bill 26, as amended by AB 1484, (the "Dissolution Act") to dissolve redevelopment agencies formed under the Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.);

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2012, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34173, the City Council of the City of Oakland elected to have the City of Oakland serve as successor agency (the "Successor Agency") for the dissolved Oakland Redevelopment Agency (the "Redevelopment Agency") effective February 1, 2012;

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2012, the Redevelopment Agency was dissolved pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34172;

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 34179 of the Dissolution Act provides for the appointment of an Oversight Board with specific duties to approve certain Successor Agency actions;

WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on April 19, 2012 the Oakland Oversight Board (the "Board") was formed, and at that time the Board requested the Successor Agency staff to provide recommendations for legal counsel for the Oversight Board;

WHEREAS, at a public meeting held on August 6, 2012, the Board voted to select Stein & Lubin LLP as legal counsel for the Board, and since that date Laurie Gustafson has been the attorney from Stein & Lubin LLP who has represented the Board;

WHEREAS, Laurie Gustafson has informed that Board that she will become a partner at the law firm of Sedgwick LLP as of July 8, 2013, and she has requested that the Board approve a transfer of the legal representation from Stein & Lubin LLP to Sedgwick LLP and a transfer of the files and records related to the representation to Sedgwick LLP;

WHEREAS, Ms. Gustafson, after representing the Board for nearly a year, has deep knowledge of the matters that have come and will come before the Board as the winding down of the Redevelopment Agency continues, and it is therefore in the best interest of the Board for Ms. Gustafson to continue to be the attorney representing the Board in her capacity as a partner at Sedgwick LLP; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board, as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are adopted as the findings of the Board.

2. The Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair to execute and enter into a Fee Agreement for Legal Services with the law firm of Sedgwick LLP and to execute the File Transfer Request, each in the form to be presented at the July 1, 2013 Board meeting and at that time attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED, by the Board at a public meeting held in Oakland, California on Monday, July 1, 2013.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – CARSON, GERHARD, LEVIN, ORTIZ, QUAN, TUCKER, YEE,

Noes –

Absent –

Abstention -

ATTEST:

SECRETARY, OAKLAND OVERSIGHT BOARD

EXHIBIT A

[See attached letter and file transfer request]