

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2017-198

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,000; AMENDING THE FY 2017-18 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY \$17,000

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2017, the Council, by motion, approved \$20,000 of General Fund funding to Legal Aid of Sonoma County to provide renter advocacy and legal representation; and

WHEREAS, at the FY 2017/18 Budget Study Sessions, the Council allocated \$75,000 of General Fund funding for renter advocacy and legal representation services; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to continue these services; and

WHEREAS in June 2017, staff issued a Request for Information for a contractor to provide renter advocacy and legal representation; and

WHEREAS Legal Aid responded with a scope of work to include tenant education; habitability, retaliation and discrimination claim defense; Section 8 assistance; eviction defense; eviction assistance for qualified landlords and mobile home park resident advocacy; and

WHEREAS the proposed scope of work is expected to cost \$87,000 annually of which only \$75,000 has been appropriated requiring additional appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to approve and execute an agreement with Legal Aid of Sonoma County in an amount not to exceed \$87,000 for the provision of renter advocacy and legal representation services, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Chief Financial Officer to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-18 adopted budget to transfer \$75,000 of existing General Fund appropriations from charge key 380310 – “Rent Stabilization Program” to charge key 380311 – “Tenant/Landlord Svcs Support” and to increase General Fund appropriations in charge key 380311 – “Tenant/Landlord Svcs Support” by \$17,000, from the unassigned General Fund fund-balance.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to pay all proper costs and claims for the Agreement from charge key 380311 – “Tenant/Landlord Svcs Support” for these purposes.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 26th day of September, 2017.

AYES: (6) Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Tibbetts, Council Members Combs, Olivares, Rogers, Schwedhelm

NOES: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney