

**RESOLUTION NO. 209-99**

Adopted January 25, 2000

**APPROVING A PANEL OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR REAL ESTATE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THREE YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH THOSE FIRMS AND TO EXPEND FUNDS BUDGETED FOR SUCH SERVICES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 ANNUALLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY CONTRACTING PRACTICES FOR USE OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL;  
ALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS**

**BASIS FOR RESOLUTION**

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 *et seq.*, the "Law"), the Agency undertakes programs for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of slums and blighted areas in the City and County of San Francisco (the "City"). Legal services in support of the Agency's mission are provided by a combination of resources from the Agency's legal division, the City Attorney's office and outside counsel retained by the Agency. Outside counsel are used for litigation, support for complex and difficult real estate transactions, specialized subject matter advice and bond counsel services.

2. Outside counsel are selected from time to time for panels of firms approved to be used by the Agency and assigned to matters on an as-needed basis within approved budget limits. Staff recently conducted a Request for Qualifications for outside counsel for complex real estate matters ("RFQ"). Ten responses were received to the RFQ. After a full evaluation, including a review of employment outreach efforts and workforce breakdowns, and interviews as necessary, staff is recommending that the firms identified below be approved for use as outside counsel on complex real estate matters.

3. To assure that work is distributed among all panel members: (1) individual assignments expected to generate in excess of \$10,000 will be reviewed in advance with the Agency's Contract Compliance staff and the Executive Director; and (2) staff will report not less frequently than every six months to the Commission on use of the panel.


4. To assure opportunity for other firms to provide such services to the Agency, the panel will be an open panel, and additions to the panel may be proposed from time to time as necessary due to workload, conflicts or similar changes in circumstances. The authority to assign matters to panel members will expire on February 28, 2003, and staff will conduct another RFQ process and return to the Commission for reconstitution of the panel prior to such time. In addition, staff will return to the Commission for authorization to expend funds in excess of the amount provided in this Resolution.

5. The law firms recommended for inclusion on the Agency's real estate panel initially are: Corporate Counsel Law Group; Gong, Mitchell, Combs & Lee; McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enerson; Morrison & Foerster in joint venture with Chan Doi, Marshall & Leal; Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger; and Steefel, Levitt & Weiss.

## RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO that the panel of outside counsel for real estate legal services consisting of Corporate Counsel Law Group; Gong, Mitchell, Combs & Lee; McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enerson; Morrison & Foerster in joint venture with Chan Doi, Marshall & Leal; Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger; and Steefel, Levitt & Weiss is approved; firms on the panel may be assigned new matters until February 28, 2003, by which time the panel must be reconstituted; the Executive Director is directed to report to the Commission not less frequently than every six months, beginning not later than June 30, 2000, on use of firms on the panel; and the Executive Director is authorized to enter into legal services contracts with those firms substantially in the form of the legal services contract lodged with Agency General Counsel, and to expend up to \$250,000 over the next three years from amounts budgeted for legal services in accordance with Agency contracting practices.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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