RESOLUTION NO. 18-2006

Adopted February 7, 2006
(4 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention, 1 absent)

APPROVING A PANEL OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PUBLIC FINANCE/BOND COUNSEL FOR THREE YEARS AND AUTHORIZING LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH PANEL MEMBERS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. Pursuant to the adoption of Resolution No. 193-2002 on October 29, 2002, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") authorized the establishment of a Public Finance/Bond Counsel Panel for a three-year period which expired on October 30, 2005.

2. Agency staff issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") on October 19, 2005 to solicit qualified law firms to submit statements of qualifications for public finance and bond counsel services.

3. Ten (10) law firms responded to the RFQ and have been determined by staff to possess the range of expertise needed by the Agency in connection with the issuance of bonds for projects under the Agency’s jurisdiction.

4. The following ten (10) law firms are recommended by Agency staff to be included in the Public Finance/Bond Counsel Panel:
   - Chapman & Cutler LLP
   - Jones Hall
   - Law Offices of Alexis S. M. Chiu
   - Law Offices of William H. Webster
   - Lofton & Jennings
   - Niesar Curls Bartling LLP
   - Nixon Peabody LLP
   - Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
   - Quint & Thimmig
   - Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP

5. Of these ten law firms, four law firms meet the standards for small business enterprises under the Agency’s Interim Purchasing Policy.

6. The Agency desires to enter into legal services contracts with the above-mentioned law firms on an as-needed basis to provide bond counsel and public finance counsel services in connection with the Agency’s issuance of bond financing for Agency funded developments and programs.
RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Public Finance/Bond Counsel Panel is approved, consisting of the following ten (10) firms:

Chapman & Cutler LLP
Jones Hall
Law Offices of Alexis S. M. Chiu
Law Offices of William H. Webster
Lofton & Jennings
Niesar Curls Bartling LLP
Nixon Peabody LLP
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Quint & Thimmig
Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP

and the Executive Director is authorized on an as-needed basis to enter into contracts for public finance and bond counsel services with such law firms in an amount that the Executive Director determines to be appropriate, substantially in the form of the legal services contract lodged with the Agency General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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