

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2009

Adopted July 21, 2009

**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. 18-2006 on February 7, 2006, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") authorized the establishment of a Public Finance/Bond Counsel Panel ("Public Finance/Bond Counsel Panel" or "Panel") for a three-year period.
2. Agency staff issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") on November 19, 2008 to solicit qualified law firms to submit statements of qualifications for public finance and bond counsel services.
3. Eighteen law firms responded to the RFQ and 18 firms 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 law firms are recommended by Agency staff for inclusion in the Public Finance/Bond Counsel Panel:

Curls Bartling P.C.
Garcia Calderon Ruiz, LLP
Goodwin Proctor LLP
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
Jones Hall
Kutak Rock LLP
Law Offices of Alexis S. M. Chiu
Law Offices of Elizabeth C. Green
Law Office of Ronald E. Lee
Lewis & Munday
Lofton & Jennings
Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson, a Professional Corporation
Nixon Peabody LLP
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Quateman LLP
Quint & Thimmig LLP
Sidley Austin LLP
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP

5. Of these law firms, 2 law firms are currently certified as a minority-owned small business enterprise as defined under the Agency's 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.
7. Agency approval of the Panel is an Agency administrative activity that is not a Project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), will not independently result in a physical change in the environment, and is not subject to environmental review under CEQA. Individual legal services contracts with panel members provide for feasibility and planning consulting services to Agency, which are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, and will not have any resultant significant environmental impact.


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 law firms:

Curls Bartling P.C.
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Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
Jones Hall
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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:



James B. Morales
Agency General Counsel