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MEMORANDUM

To: Pompano Beach CRA Board

Thru: Gregory P. Harrison, CRA Executive Director

From: Nguyen Tran, CRA Director

Date: March 19, 2019

Subject: Professional Services Agreement- Claudia M. McKenna

Background

In 2015, the CRA engaged Claudia McKenna as the CRA's counsel to help the agency navigate this redevelopment phase and has found she has provided stellar service. In April of 2016, the CRA Board retained Ms. McKenna as special legal counsel with the first renewal of Service Agreement for a term of 3 years.

The CRA's current phase of redevelopment is focused on vertical development and major land planning with an emphasis on private sector development. Many of these initiatives require legal expertise related to redevelopment and in particular extensive knowledge of the CRA statute, Chapter 163 Part III. This stage of redevelopment requires a broad understanding of real estate and development patterns and options as well as understanding the land use and zoning mechanisms that support but effectively manage private development activity. Ms. McKenna has been intimately involved in the Broward County lawsuit and settlement agreement; therefore, her in depth knowledge of the terms of this settlement agreement will help guide this agency in its redevelopment efforts moving forward. Ms. McKenna has worked closely with the City Attorney's Office on many legal matters and has formed a strong relationship and understanding that helps the City of Pompano Beach and the Pompano Beach CRA move forward developing the Downtown Pompano Beach Innovation District.

The current contract term will expire on April 19, 2019 and CRA staff recommends Ms. McKenna continue these tasks for the next three years to ensure the CRA is prepared for the next stages of redevelopment.