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December 17, 2020

Central Falls City Hall
City Solicitor
Attn: Matthew Jerzyk
Sent via Electronic Mail

Re: Legal Services Contract

Mayor Diossa,

We are delighted that the City of Central Falls (the “City”) has agreed to our firm’s engagement to serve as the City’s legal counsel. This letter will confirm the terms under which our firm has been engaged to serve as legal counsel.

Specifically, the Law Office of William J. Conley, Jr. will provide any legal services to the City if requested by your office or other agents of your administration, but this engagement letter additionally contemplates representing the City pursuant to the City’s tax sales and matters derived therefrom as well as other tax appeal matters, as approved in writing by the City Solicitor, such matters include but are not limited to Verizon’s appeal of the assessment of its personal tangible property.

At the request of your Solicitor, our firm has agreed to a fifty percent (50%) discount of our standard three hundred dollars (\$300) per hour attorney rate and will only charge the City a one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per hour attorney rate. Our firm may also charge a one hundred dollars (\$100) per hour paralegal rate. In addition, the firm will bill the City for costs incurred, such as filing fees, service of process fees, deposition or transcript expenses, witness fees, computerized legal research charges, travel expenses outside of the state, photocopies and long distance telephone charges, if any. The statement or invoice of any expert witness engaged by our office for the benefit of the City will be paid directly by the City, and will not be included on our firm’s invoice.

We will issue invoices on a monthly basis. Each statement will detail the date and nature of the task undertaken, and the amount of time to the tenth of an hour (.1 hour) expended on each such task. Payment on such invoices will be due upon receipt. You also agree that failure to pay for such services will entitle the firm to withdraw as legal counsel in general and for any case that is pending in court in which our firm has entered its appearance on behalf of the City.

Specific to Tax Sales, the City of Central Falls will charge a \$350 fee to all properties that receive the 90-Day Notice Letter for failure to pay their outstanding Taxes. Of that Fee, our office is entitled to \$300. That \$300 per property fee will cover all costs and work associated with the

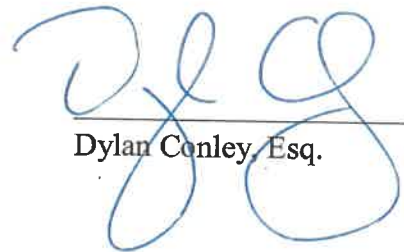
performance of the annual Tax Sale Auction, including title searches, notices, mailings, and deed drafting.

If I have accurately stated our agreement, please sign this letter below where indicated. Please return to me a fully executed copy of this letter at your earliest convenience so that we may commence our representation. If you would like any other information or have any questions about this letter or my billing practices or procedures, please do not hesitate to call me at any time.

As you may concur, many of the issues pending with the Town are factually and legally complex. We have made no warranties or representations about a successful outcome as to any matter. Nevertheless, we will strive diligently on the City's behalf to achieve the best possible outcome and to procure positive change. We appreciate your confidence in our ability to provide the City of Central Falls with competent legal representation, and we look forward to success, and a mutually satisfactory and productive relationship.

Either party may terminate the engagement, for any reason, at any time.

Sincerely,



Dylan Conley, Esq.

Assented to this 10 day of January, 2020.

City of Central Falls



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