

CONTRACT NO. 017-24010734
with
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
for
Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services

This Contract for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services hereinafter referred to as (“Contract”) is made and entered into as of the date fully executed by and between the County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “County” and Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, with a place of business at 660 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1600, Newport Beach, CA, 92660, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”, which are sometimes individually referred to as “Party,” or collectively referred to as “Parties.”

ATTACHMENTS

This Contract is comprised of this document and the following Attachments, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Contract:

Attachment A – Scope of Work
Attachment B – Compensation/ Payment
Attachment C – Staffing Plan

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County would like to form one or more new Community Facilities Districts in the Rancho Mission Viejo project area in the County of Orange;

WHEREAS, the County would like to issue one or more series of bonds (the “Bonds”) to fund infrastructure projects within the Rancho Mission Viejo Community Facilities Districts;

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services relating to the proposed formation and financing for the Rancho Mission Viejo Community Facilities Districts;

WHEREAS, the Contractor responded to the RFP indicating their willingness and ability to perform the Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services requested therein; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to retain the Contractor to act as bond and disclosure counsel in connection with the formation of the Rancho Mission Viejo Community Facilities Districts and issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLES

General Terms and Conditions:

- A. **Governing Law and Venue:** This Contract has been negotiated and executed in the state of California and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the state of California. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Contract, the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Orange County, California, and the parties hereto agree to and do hereby submit to the jurisdiction of such court, notwithstanding Code of Civil Procedure Section 394. Furthermore, the parties specifically agree to waive any and all rights to request that an action be transferred for adjudication to another county.

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- B. **Entire Contract:** This Contract contains the entire Contract between the parties with respect to the matters herein, and there are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings other than those set forth herein or referred to herein. No exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on County unless authorized by County in writing. Electronic acceptance of any additional terms, conditions or supplemental Contracts by any County employee or agent, including but not limited to installers of software, shall not be valid or binding on County unless accepted in writing by County's Purchasing Agent or designee.
- C. **Amendments:** No alteration or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties; no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on either of the parties; and no exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on County unless authorized by County in writing.
- D. **Taxes:** Unless otherwise provided herein or by law, price quoted does not include California state sales or use tax. Out-of-state Contractors shall indicate California Board of Equalization permit number and sales permit number on invoices, if California sales tax is added and collectable. If no permit numbers are shown, sales tax will be deducted from payment. The Auditor-Controller will then pay use tax directly to the State of California in lieu of payment of sales tax to the Contractor.
- E. **Delivery:** Time of delivery of goods or services is of the essence in this Contract. County reserves the right to refuse any goods or services and to cancel all or any part of the goods not conforming to applicable specifications, drawings, samples or descriptions or services that do not conform to the prescribed statement of work. Acceptance of any part of the order for goods shall not bind County to accept future shipments nor deprive it of the right to return goods already accepted at Contractor's expense. Over shipments and under shipments of goods shall be only as agreed to in writing by County. Delivery shall not be deemed to be complete until all goods or services have actually been received and accepted in writing by County.
- F. **Acceptance Payment:** Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by County, 1) acceptance shall not be deemed complete unless in writing and until all the goods/services have actually been received, inspected, and tested to the satisfaction of County, and 2) payment shall be made in arrears after satisfactory acceptance.
- G. **Warranty:** Contractor expressly warrants that the goods covered by this Contract are 1) free of liens or encumbrances, 2) merchantable and good for the ordinary purposes for which they are used, and 3) fit for the particular purpose for which they are intended. Acceptance of this order shall constitute an agreement upon Contractor's part to indemnify, defend and hold County and its indemnities as identified in paragraph "Z" below, and as more fully described in paragraph "Z," harmless from liability, loss, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred or sustained by County by reason of the failure of the goods/services to conform to such warranties, faulty work performance, negligent or unlawful acts, and non-compliance with any applicable state or federal codes, ordinances, orders, or statutes, including the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and the California Industrial Safety Act. Such remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.
- H. **Intentionally left blank.**
- I. **Assignment:** The terms, covenants, and conditions contained herein shall apply to and bind the heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the parties. Furthermore, neither the performance of this Contract nor any portion thereof may be assigned by Contractor without the express written consent of County. Any attempt by Contractor to assign the performance or any portion thereof of this Contract without the express written consent of County shall be invalid and shall constitute a breach of this Contract.

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- J. **Non-Discrimination:** In the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of Section 1735 of the California Labor Code and not engage nor permit any subcontractors to engage in discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons. Contractor acknowledges that a violation of this provision shall subject Contractor to penalties pursuant to Section 1741 of the California Labor Code.
- K. **Termination:** In addition to any other remedies or rights it may have by law, County has the right to immediately terminate this Contract without penalty for cause or after 30 days' written notice without cause, unless otherwise specified. Cause shall be defined as any material breach of contract, any misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the Contractor. Exercise by County of its right to terminate the Contract shall relieve County of all further obligation.
- L. **Consent to Breach Not Waiver:** No term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether express or implied, shall not constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other different or subsequent breach.
- M. **Independent Contractor:** Contractor shall be considered an independent contractor and neither Contractor, its employees, nor anyone working under Contractor shall be considered an agent or an employee of County. Neither Contractor, its employees nor anyone working under Contractor shall qualify for workers' compensation or other fringe benefits of any kind through County.
- N. **Performance Warranty:** Contractor shall warrant all work under this Contract, taking necessary steps and precautions to perform the work to County's satisfaction. Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical assurance, timely completion and coordination of all documentation and other goods/services furnished by the Contractor under this Contract. Contractor shall perform all work diligently, carefully, and in a good and workmanlike manner; shall furnish all necessary labor, supervision, machinery, equipment, materials, and supplies, shall at its sole expense obtain and maintain all permits and licenses required by public authorities, including those of County required in its governmental capacity, in connection with performance of the work. If permitted to subcontract, Contractor shall be fully responsible for all work performed by subcontractors.
- O. **Insurance Requirements:** Prior to the provision of services under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to carry all required insurance at Contractor's expense, including all endorsements required herein, necessary to satisfy the County that the insurance provisions of this Contract have been complied with. Contractor agrees to keep such insurance coverage, Certificates of Insurance, and endorsements on deposit with the County during the entire term of this Contract.

Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors performing work on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be covered under Contractor's insurance as an Additional Insured or maintain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for Contractor. Contractor shall not allow subcontractors to work if subcontractors have less than the level of coverage required by County from Contractor under this Contract. It is the obligation of Contractor to provide notice of the insurance requirements to every subcontractor and to receive proof of insurance prior to allowing any subcontractor to begin work. Such proof of insurance must be maintained by Contractor through the entirety of this Contract for inspection by County representative(s) at any reasonable time.

All self-insured retentions (SIR)'s shall be clearly stated on the Certificate of Insurance. Any SIR in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) shall specifically be approved by the County's Risk Manager, or designee. The County reserves the right to require current audited financial reports from A-

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E. If Contractor is self-insured, contractor will indemnify the County for any and all claims resulting or arising from Contractor's services in accordance with the indemnity provision stated in this Contract.

If the Contractor fails to maintain insurance acceptable to the County for the full term of this Contract, the County may terminate this Contract.

Qualified Insurer

The policy or policies of insurance must be issued by an insurer with a minimum rating of A- (Secure A.M. Best's Rating) and VIII (Financial Size Category as determined by the most current edition of the **Best's Key Rating Guide/Property-Casualty/United States or ambest.com**).

If the insurance carrier does not have an A.M. Best Rating of A-/VIII, the CEO/Office of Risk Management retains the right to approve or reject a carrier after a review of the company's performance and financial ratings.

The policy or policies of insurance maintained by the Contractor shall provide the minimum limits and coverage as set forth below:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Minimum Limits</u>
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability including coverage for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Workers Compensation	Statutory
Employers Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000 per claims-made \$1,000,000 aggregate

Required Coverage Forms

The Commercial General Liability coverage shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 00 01, or a substitute form providing liability coverage at least as broad.

The Business Auto Liability coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, CA 00 05, CA 0012, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing coverage at least as broad.

Required Endorsements

The Commercial General Liability policy shall contain the following endorsements, which shall accompany the Certificate of Insurance:

- 1) An Additional Insured endorsement using ISO form CG 20 26 04 13 or a form at least as broad naming the ***County of Orange its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees*** as Additional Insureds, or provide blanket coverage, which will state ***AS REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT***.
- 2) A primary non-contributing endorsement using ISO form CG 20 01 04 13, or a form at least as broad evidencing that the Contractor's insurance is primary and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Orange shall be excess and non-contributing.

The Workers' Compensation policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement waiving all rights of subrogation against the ***County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees*** or provide blanket coverage, which will state ***AS REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT***.

All insurance policies required by this Contract shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees when acting within the scope of their appointment or employment.

Contractor shall notify County in writing within thirty (30) days of any policy cancellation and ten (10) days for non-payment of premium and provide a copy of the cancellation notice to County. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation may constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

If Contractor's Professional Liability policy is a claims-made policy, Contractor shall agree to the following:

- 1) The retroactive date must be shown and must be before the date of the Contract or the beginning of the Contract services.
- 2) Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least three (3) years after expiration or earlier termination of Contract services.

If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the effective date of the Contract services, Contractor must purchase an extended reporting period for a minimum of three (3) years after expiration of earlier termination of the Contract.

The Commercial General Liability policy shall contain a severability of interests clause also known as a "separation of insureds" clause (standard in the ISO CG 0001 policy). Insurance certificates should be forwarded to the agency/department address listed on the solicitation.

If the Contractor fails to provide the insurance certificates and endorsements within seven (7) days of notification by CEO/Purchasing or the agency/department purchasing division, award may be made to the next qualified vendor.

County expressly retains the right to require Contractor to increase or decrease insurance of any of the above insurance types throughout the term of this Contract. Any increase or decrease in insurance will be as deemed by County of Orange Risk Manager as appropriate to adequately protect County.

County shall notify Contractor in writing of changes in the insurance requirements. If Contractor does not deposit copies of acceptable Certificates of Insurance and endorsements with County incorporating such changes within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, this Contract may be in breach without further notice to Contractor, and County shall be entitled to all legal remedies.

The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract, nor act in any way to reduce the policy coverage and limits available from the insurer.

- P. **Changes:** Contractor shall make no changes in the work or perform any additional work without the County's specific written approval.

Q. Change of Ownership/Name, Litigation Status, Conflicts with County Interests: Contractor agrees that if there is a change or transfer in ownership of Contractor's business prior to completion of this Contract, and the County agrees to an assignment of the Contract, the new owners shall be required under the terms of sale or other instruments of transfer to assume Contractor's duties and obligations contained in this Contract and complete them to the satisfaction of the County.

County reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract in the event the County determines that the assignee is not qualified or is otherwise unacceptable to the County for the provision of services under the Contract.

In addition, Contractor has the duty to notify the County in writing of any change in the Contractor's status with respect to name changes that do not require an assignment of the Contract. The Contractor is also obligated to notify the County in writing if the Contractor becomes a party to any litigation against the County, or a party to litigation that may reasonably affect the Contractor's performance under the Contract, as well as any potential conflicts of interest between Contractor and County that may arise prior to or during the period of Contract performance. While Contractor will be required to provide this information without prompting from the County any time there is a change in Contractor's name, conflict of interest or litigation status, Contractor must also provide an update to the County of its status in these areas whenever requested by the County.

The Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with County interests. In addition to the Contractor, this obligation shall apply to the Contractor's employees, agents, and subcontractors associated with the provision of goods and services provided under this Contract. The Contractor's efforts shall include, but not be limited to establishing rules and procedures preventing its employees, agents, and subcontractors from providing or offering gifts, entertainment, payments, loans or other considerations which could be deemed to influence or appear to influence County staff or elected officers in the performance of their duties.

R. Force Majeure: Contractor shall not be assessed with liquidated damages or unsatisfactory performance penalties during any delay beyond the time named for the performance of this Contract caused by any act of God, war, civil disorder, employment strike or other cause beyond its reasonable control, provided Contractor gives written notice of the cause of the delay to County within 36 hours of the start of the delay and Contractor avails himself of any available remedies.

S. Confidentiality: Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all County and County-related records and information pursuant to all statutory laws relating to privacy and confidentiality that currently exist or exist at any time during the term of this Contract. All such records and information shall be considered confidential and kept confidential by Contractor and Contractor's staff, agents and employees.

T. Compliance with Laws: Contractor represents and warrants that services to be provided under this Contract shall fully comply, at Contractor's expense, with all standards, laws, statutes, restrictions, ordinances, requirements, and regulations (collectively "laws"), including, but not limited to those issued by County in its governmental capacity and all other laws applicable to the services at the time services are provided to and accepted by County. Contractor acknowledges that County is relying on Contractor to ensure such compliance, and pursuant to the requirements of paragraph "Z" below, Contractor agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold County and County INDEMNITEES harmless from all liability, damages, costs and expenses arising from or related to a violation of such laws.

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- V. **Severability:** If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.
- W. **Attorney Fees:** In any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret any provision of this Contract, each party shall bear their own attorney's fees, costs and expenses.
- X. **Interpretation:** This Contract has been negotiated at arm's length and between persons sophisticated and knowledgeable in the matters dealt with in this Contract. In addition, each party had been represented by experienced and knowledgeable independent legal counsel of their own choosing or has knowingly declined to seek such counsel despite being encouraged and given the opportunity to do so. Each party further acknowledges that they have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever in executing this Contract by any other party hereto or by any person representing them, or both. Accordingly, any rule or law (including California Civil Code Section 1654) or legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Contract against the party that has drafted it is not applicable and is waived. The provisions of this Contract shall be interpreted in a reasonable manner to effect the purpose of the parties and this Contract.
- Y. **Employee Eligibility Verification:** The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in Federal statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal or State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by the law. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.
- Z. **Indemnification:** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold County, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and those special districts and agencies which County's Board of Supervisors acts as the governing Board ("County Indemnitees") harmless from any claims, demands or liability of any kind or nature, including but not limited to personal injury or property damage, arising from or related to the negligent performance of services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract. If judgment is entered against Contractor and County by a court of competent jurisdiction because of the concurrent active negligence of County or County Indemnitees, Contractor and County agree that liability will be apportioned as determined by the court. Neither party shall request a jury apportionment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph "Z" shall not apply to any actions related to the professional services provided by Contractor so long as the professional liability insurance required by this Agreement remains in effect; provided, however, Contractor remain liable to pay for any liability incurred by the County Indemnitees related to the negligent performance of professional services provided by Contractor under this Agreement that are not covered by Contractor's professional liability insurance including any SIR amount.
- AA. **Audits/Inspections:** Contractor agrees to permit the County's Auditor-Controller or the Auditor-Controller's authorized representative (including auditors from a private auditing firm hired by the County) access during normal working hours to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, financial records, supporting documentation, including payroll and accounts payable/receivable records, and other papers or property of Contractor for the purpose of auditing or inspecting any aspect of performance under this Contract. The inspection and/or audit will be confined to those matters connected with the

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performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, the costs of administering the Contract. The County will provide reasonable notice of such an audit or inspection. The County reserves the right to audit and verify the Contractor's records before final payment is made.

Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated under this Contract or by law. Contractor agrees to allow interviews of any employees or others who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Contractor agrees to include a similar right to the County to audit records and interview staff of any subcontractor related to performance of this Contract.

Should the Contractor cease to exist as a legal entity, the Contractor's records pertaining to this agreement shall be forwarded to the County's project manager.

- BB. Contingency of Funds:** Contractor acknowledges that funding or portions of funding for this Contract may be contingent upon state budget approval; receipt of funds from, and/or obligation of funds by, the state of California to County; and inclusion of sufficient funding for the services hereunder in the budget approved by County's Board of Supervisors for each fiscal year covered by this Contract. If such approval, funding or appropriations are not forthcoming, or are otherwise limited, County may immediately terminate or modify this Contract without penalty.
- CC. Expenditure Limit:** The Contractor shall notify the County of Orange assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent in writing when the expenditures against the Contract reach 75 percent of the dollar limit on the Contract. The County will not be responsible for any expenditure overruns and will not pay for work exceeding the dollar limit on the Contract unless a change order to cover those costs has been issued.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Scope of Contract:** This Contract specifies the contractual terms and conditions by which the County will procure Bond and Disclosure Counsel from Contractor as further detailed in the Scope of Work, identified and incorporated herein by this reference as "Attachment A".
- 2. Term of Contract:** This Contract shall commence upon execution of all necessary signatures and continue for three (3) years from that date, unless otherwise terminated by County. This Contract may be renewed as set forth in paragraph 3 below.
- 3. Renewal:** This Contract may be renewed by mutual written agreement of both Parties for one two-year term. The County does not have to give reason if it elects not to renew. Renewal periods may be subject to approval by the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.
- 4. Adjustments – Scope of Work:** No adjustments made to the Scope of Work will be authorized without prior written approval of the County assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent.
- 5. Precedence:** The Contract documents consist of this Contract and attachments. In the event of a conflict between or among the Contract documents, the order of precedence shall be the provisions of the main body of this Contract, i.e., those provisions set forth in the recitals and articles of this Contract, and then the attachments.
- 6. County's Project Manager:** The County Project Manager, as specified in Paragraph "17" Notices, will act as liaison between the County and the Contractor during the term of this Contract. The County's Project Manager shall coordinate the activities of the County staff assigned to work with the Contractor.

The County's Project Manager has the right to require the removal and replacement of the Contractor's Project Manager and Contractor personnel from providing services under this Contract. The County's

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Project Manager shall notify the Contractor in writing of such action. County is not required to provide any additional information, reason or rationale in the event it requires the removal of Contractor's Project Manager or Contractor personnel from providing further services under the Contract. The Contractor shall accomplish the removal within 14 calendar days after written notice by the County's Project Manager. The County's Project Manager shall review and approve the appointment of the replacement for the Contractor's Project Manager and Contractor personnel. Said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

7. **Contractor's Project Manager:** The Contractor's Project Manager, as specified in Paragraph "19" Notices, will direct the Contractor's efforts in fulfilling Contractor's obligations under this Contract. The Contractor's Project Manager shall be assigned to this Contract for the duration of the Contract and shall diligently pursue all work and services to meet the project timelines. This Contractor's Project Manager shall be subject to approval by the County and shall not be changed without the written consent of the County's Project Manager, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
8. **Conditions Affecting Work:** The Contractor shall be responsible for taking all steps reasonably necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work to be performed under this Contract and to know the general conditions which can affect the work or the cost thereof. Any failure by the Contractor to do so will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for successfully performing the work without additional cost to the County. The County assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representations concerning the nature, location(s) or general conditions made by any of its officers or agents prior to the execution of this Contract, unless such understanding or representations by the County are expressly stated in the Contract.
9. **Contractor's Records:** The Contractor shall keep true and accurate accounts, records, books and data which shall correctly reflect the business transacted by the contractor in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These records shall be stored in Orange County for a period of three years after final payment is received from the County. Storage of records in another county will require written approval from the County of Orange DPA.
10. **Ownership of Documents:** The County has permanent ownership of all directly connected and derivative materials produced under this Contract by the Contractor. All documents, reports and other incidental or derivative work or materials furnished hereunder shall become and remains the sole property of the County and may be used by the County as it may require without additional cost to the County. None of the documents, reports and other incidental or derivative work or furnished materials shall be used by the Contractor without the express written consent of the County.
11. **Data – Title To:** All materials, documents, data or information obtained from the County data files or any County medium furnished to the Contractor in the performance of this Contract will at all times remain the property of the County. Such data or information may not be used or copied for direct or indirect use by the Contractor after completion or termination of this Contract without the express written consent of the County. All materials, documents, data or information, including copies, must be returned to the County at the end of this Contract.
12. **Publication:** No copies of sketches, schedules, written documents, computer based data, photographs, maps or graphs, including graphic art work, resulting from performance or prepared in connection with this Contract, are to be released by Contractor and/or anyone acting under the supervision of Contractor to any person, partnership, company, corporation, or agency, without prior written approval by the County, except as necessary for the performance of the services of this Contract. All press contacts, including graphic display information to be published in newspapers, magazines, etc., are to be administered only after County approval.
13. **Errors and Omissions:** All reports, files and other documents prepared and submitted by Contractor shall be complete and shall be carefully checked by the professional(s) identified by Contractor as

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Project Manager and key personnel attached hereto, prior to submission to the County. Contractor agrees that County review is discretionary, and Contractor shall not assume that the County will discover errors and/or omissions. If the County discovers any errors or omissions prior to approving Contractor's reports, files and other written documents, the reports, files or documents will be returned to Contractor for correction. Should the County or others discover errors or omissions in the reports, files or other written documents submitted by the Contractor after County approval thereof, County approval of Contractor's reports, files or documents shall not be used as a defense by Contractor in any action between the County and Contractor, and the reports, files or documents will be returned to Contractor for correction.

14. **News/Information Release:** The Contractor agrees that it will not issue any news releases or make any contact with the media in connection with either the award of this Contract or any subsequent amendment of, or effort under this Contract. Contractors must first obtain review and approval of said news media contact from the County through the County DPA. Any requests for interviews or information received by the media should be referred directly to the County. Contractors are not authorized to serve as a media-spokespersons for County projects without first obtaining permission from the County.
15. **Breach of Contract:** The failure of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions, covenants or conditions of this Contract, shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. In such event the County may, and in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this Contract:
 - a. Afford the Contractor written notice of the breach and ten calendar days or such shorter time that may be specified in this Contract within which to cure the breach;
 - b. Discontinue payment to the Contractor for and during the period in which the Contractor is in breach and offset against any monies billed by the Contractor but yet unpaid by the County those monies disallowed pursuant to the above.
 - c. Terminate the Contract immediately without penalty.
16. **Contract Disputes:** The Parties shall deal in good faith and attempt to resolve potential disputes informally. If the dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the terms of this Contract is not disposed of in a reasonable period of time by the Contractor's Project Manager and the County's Project Manager by way of the following process, such matter shall be brought to the attention of the County DPA by way of the following process:
 - a. The Contractor shall submit to the County DPA a written demand for a final decision regarding the disposition of any dispute between the Parties arising under, related to, or involving this Contract, unless the County, on its own initiative, has already rendered such a final decision.
 - b. The Contractor's written demand shall be fully supported by factual information, and, if such demand involves a cost adjustment to the Contract, the Contractor shall include with the demand a written statement signed by a senior official indicating that the demand is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that the amount requested accurately reflects the Contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the County is liable.

Pending the final resolution of any dispute arising under, related to, or involving this Contract, the Contractor agrees to diligently proceed with the performance of this Contract, including the delivery of goods and/or provision of services. The Contractor's failure to diligently proceed shall be considered a material breach of this Contract.

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Any final decision of the County shall be expressly identified as such, shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the County Purchasing Agent or his designee. If the County fails to render a decision within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Contractor's demand, it shall be deemed a final decision adverse to the Contractor's contentions. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the County's right to terminate the Contract for Cause or Terminate for Convenience as stated in Section K herein.

17. **Orderly Termination:** Upon termination or other expiration of this Contract, each Party shall promptly return to the other Party all papers, materials, and other properties of the other held by each for purposes of execution of the Contract. In addition, each Party will assist the other Party in orderly termination of this Contract and the transfer of all assets, tangible and intangible, as may be necessary for the orderly, non-disruptive business continuation of each Party.
18. **Contractor's Expense:** The Contractor will be responsible for all costs related to photo copying, telephone communications, fax communications, and parking while on County sites during the performance of work and services under this Contract. The County will not provide free parking for any service in the County Civic Center.
19. **Notices:** Any and all notices, requests demands and other communications contemplated, called for, permitted, or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing, except through the course of the parties' project managers' routine exchange of information and cooperation during the terms of the work and services. Any written communications shall be deemed to have been duly given upon actual in-person delivery, if delivery is by direct hand, or upon delivery on the actual day of receipt or no greater than four calendar days after being mailed by US certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, whichever occurs first. The date of mailing shall count as the first day. All communications shall be addressed to the appropriate party at the address stated herein or such other address as the parties hereto may designate by written notice from time to time in the manner aforesaid.

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Phone: 714-834-3014

Contractor: Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
Attn: Lawrence Chan, Partner
660 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1600
Newport Beach, CA 92660

20. **Contractor Personnel:** Contractor agrees and understands that County's execution of this Contract is predicated, in part and among other considerations, on the utilization of the specific individuals and personnel qualifications identified herein. Contractor shall provide key personnel who are suitably skilled, experienced and qualified to perform the services required in Attachment A. The key personnel shall include those individuals listed in Attachment C, Staffing Plan. Contractor may not substitute or replace key personnel without County's prior express written consent. Any substitution or replacement pursuant to this paragraph must be of equal or higher skills, knowledge, and abilities than those personnel originally proposed and that County's approval of a substitution or replacement is not construed as an acceptance of the substitution's performance potential.

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21. **Subcontracting:** No performance of this Contract or any portion thereof may be subcontracted by Contractor without County's express prior written consent of County. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance of this Contract without County's express prior written consent is invalid and shall constitute a breach of this Contract.

In the event that Contractor is authorized by County to subcontract, this Contract shall take precedence over the terms of the Contract between Contractor and subcontractor, and shall incorporate by reference the terms of this Contract. County shall look to Contractor for performance and indemnification and not deal directly with any subcontractor. All work performed by a subcontractor must meet the approval of County.

22. **Promotional/Advertisement:** County owns all rights to the name, trademarks, logos and symbols of County. The use and/or reproduction of County's name, trademark, logo and/or symbols for any purpose, including commercial advertisement, promotional purposes, announcements, displays or press releases, without County's express prior written consent is expressly prohibited. No use or reproduction may state or imply that County endorses Contractor's products or services.
23. **Civil Rights:** Contractor attests that the services provided shall be in accordance with the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other applicable state and federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability.
24. **Waivers:** The failure of County in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms of this Contract or to exercise any option contained herein shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of the right to assert or rely upon any such terms or option on any future occasion.
25. **Counterparts:** This Contract may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. This Contract shall be deemed executed and binding upon the Parties when at least one counterpart bears the signature of each Party's authorized signatory or signatories.
26. **Compliance with Gift and Political Contribution Ban:** By executing this Contract, Contractor covenants to the County that it has complied in all respects with the "Ban on Political Contributions and Gifts" provisions of Article V of the County of Orange, Board of Supervisors, Policies and Procedures for Consideration and Approval of Proposed Public Financings.
27. **Order Dates:** Orders may be placed during the term of the Contract even if delivery may not be made until after the term of the Contract. The Contractor must clearly identify the order date on all invoices to County and the order date must precede the expiration date of the Contract.
28. **Conflict of Interest – Contractor's Personnel:** The Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with the best interests of the County. This obligation shall apply to the Contractor; the Contractor's employees, agents, and subcontractors associated with accomplishing work and services hereunder. The Contractor's efforts shall include, but not be limited to establishing precautions to prevent its employees, agents, and subcontractors from providing or offering gifts, entertainment, payments, loans or other considerations which could be deemed to influence or appear to influence County staff or elected officers from acting in the best interests of the County.

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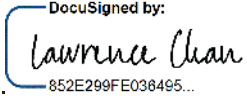
29. **Conflict of Interest – County Personnel:** The County of Orange Board of Supervisors policy prohibits its employees from engaging in activities involving a conflict of interest. The Contractor shall not, during the period of this Contract, employ any County employee for any purpose.
30. **Statement of Economic Interests - Form 700 Requirement:** The contractor must comply with California state law and regulations regarding conflicts of interest. The Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) requires employees of the contractor who provide services to the County under this contract to complete an initial and annual Statement of Economic Interests (“Form 700”).
31. **Gratuities:** The Contractor warrants that no gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise, were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the County with a view toward securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determinations concerning the performance of the Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate the Contract, either in whole or in part, and any loss or damage sustained by the County in procuring on the open market any goods or services which the Contractor agreed to supply shall be borne and paid for by the Contractor. The rights and remedies of the County provided in the clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.
32. **Follow-On Work - Services Contract:** No person, firm, subsidiary or subcontractor of a firm that has been awarded a consulting services contract or a contract which includes a consulting component may be awarded a Contract for the performance of services, the purchase of goods or supplies, or the provision of any other related action which arises from or can reasonably be deemed an end-product of work performed under the initial consulting to consulting-related Contract.
33. **Nondiscrimination – Statement of Compliance:** The Contractor’s signature affixed hereon and dated shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the Contractor has, unless exempted, complied with the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12900 (a-f) and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Sections 11102 and 11103.

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Signature Page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Contract on the date following their respective signatures.

Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP *

DocuSigned by:  <small>852E299FE036495...</small>	Lawrence Chan	Partner	4/22/2024
Signature	Name	Title	Date

COUNTY OF ORANGE


A political subdivision of the State of California

COUNTY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

	Christine Gardea	Deputy Purchasing Agent	
Signature	Name	Title	Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Count 1

By

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 Deputy

Date 4/22/2024

* If the contracting party is a corporation, (2) two signatures are required: one (1) signature by the Chairman of the Board, the President or any Vice President; and one (1) signature by the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer or any Assistant Treasurer. The signature of one person alone is sufficient to bind a corporation, as long as he or she holds corporate offices in each of the two categories described above. For County purposes, proof of such dual office holding will be satisfied by having the individual sign the instrument twice, each time indicating his or her office that qualifies under the above-described provision. In the alternative, a single corporate signature is acceptable when accompanied by a corporate resolution demonstrating the legal authority of the signee to bind the corporation.

ATTACHMENT A

SCOPE OF WORK

Service A: Formation of Community Facilities Districts

For each Community Facilities District (District) to be formed in the Rancho Mission Viejo project area, services shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Research applicable laws and ordinances related to proposed formation of the District.
2. Attend all meetings called by County staff regarding the proposed formation, including attending any public hearings to be held by the County of Orange Public Financing Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors.
3. Prepare documentation related to the formation of the District, including drafting all resolutions, notices, election materials and other agreements necessary for the formation of the District.
4. Conduct any judicial validation proceedings for the District if determined appropriate by the County.
5. Review documentation prepared by other consultants with respect to the formation of the District, including the rate and method of apportionment of special tax and the District Engineer's Report.
6. Any other customary bond counsel services related to the District formation.

Service B: Financing for Community Facilities Districts

For each series of Bonds to be issued, services shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Research applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances relating to each proposed issuance of bonds; including federal and state laws and securities law.
2. Participate with underwriters, developers, municipal advisors and other experts and consultants retained by the County in structuring the issuance of the Bonds including:
 - a. Draft all resolutions, notices, ordinances, rules and regulations, other documents required for the financing, and all other documents related to the issuance of the Bonds, in consultation with County staff, County Counsel, municipal advisors, underwriters and other experts.
 - b. Prepare documents related to the financing, including but not limited to developers' reimbursement agreements, trust agreements, and indentures.
 - c. Coordinate in the preparation of preliminary and final official statement or placement memoranda and supporting documentation relating to the sale of the Bonds.
 - d. Review purchase contracts, or if a competitive sale is contemplated; bidding documents, for the Bonds and participate in the related negotiations if determined appropriate by the County.
 - e. Attend informational meetings and other conferences scheduled by the County, municipal advisors or the underwriters.
 - f. If applicable, review rating agency presentation and disclosure information.

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- g. Consult with County Counsel concerning applicable proposed rules, regulations, and/or pending legislation or litigation during the course of the financing which may affect issuance of the Bonds.
- h. Work with legal counsel for other parties on the financing team, such as counsel to the trustee and underwriters as needed.
- i. Any other customary bond/disclosure counsel services related to the transaction.

ATTACHMENT B**COMPENSATION/PAYMENT**

1. **Compensation:** This is a firm-fixed fee Contract between the County and Contractor for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services as set forth in Attachment A, "Scope of Work."

The Contractor agrees to accept the specified compensation as set forth in this Contract as full payment for performing all services and furnishing all staffing and materials required, for any reasonably unforeseen difficulties which may arise or be encountered in the execution of the services until acceptance, for risks connected with the services, and for performance by the Contractor of all its duties and obligations hereunder. The Contractor shall only be compensated as set forth herein for work performed in accordance with the Scope of Work. **The County shall have no obligation to pay any sum in excess of the fixed rates specified herein unless authorized by amendment in accordance with Article C of the County Contract Terms and Conditions.**

2. **Fees and Charges:** County will pay Contractor for each type of service in accordance with the hourly rates and fixed fee amount as set forth below for services provided as described in Attachment A – Scope of Work. Fees for services described in Attachment A – Scope of Work shall not exceed \$27,500 per District Formation; shall not exceed \$82,500 per District Financing; and shall not exceed \$200,000 in any contract year.

Service A: Formation of Community Facilities Districts

A fixed flat rate and expense schedule for services associated with legal services listed as Service A: Formation of Community Facilities District in Attachment A, Scope of Work:

Cost Category	Compensation
District Formation Legal Services	\$25,000 per District
Reimbursable Expenses (Such as any filing or publication fees related to the judicial validation or other related fees)	\$2,500 maximum reimbursement per District

At the written request of the Public Finance Director, additional services may be requested due to delays. In instances where there are other duplicate tasks are required due to unanticipated delays through no fault of Contractor or when multiple Improvement Districts are formed within a CFD, additional compensation will be negotiated with Contractor, at the discretion of the Public Finance Director at hourly rates as follows:

Title	Hourly Rate
Partner/Shareholder/Lead Counsel	\$600
Associate	\$420
Paralegal	\$125

Service B: Financing for Community Facilities Districts

A fixed flat rate and expense schedule for services associated with legal services listed as Service B: Financing of Community Facilities District in Attachment A, Scope of Work:

Cost Category	Proposed Compensation
Bond and Disclosure Counsel per Financing*	\$80,000
Reimbursable Expenses (such as photocopying, transcript preparation, mail and delivery services)	\$2,500 maximum reimbursement per financing

*There may be more than one financing per Community Facilities District

- 2. Payment Contingency:** For the services to be rendered in connection with the formation of a Community Facilities District (District) noted in Section 2.a above, Contractor understands and agrees that such fees will be paid only from funds advanced by the District landowner pursuant to the terms of a Reimbursement Agreement to be entered into by the County and such landowner. In the event the landowner fails to advance such funds to the County, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County will have no liability to pay any fees incurred related to District formation activities other than from the proceeds of any Bonds or special taxes of the District.

Compensation of Contractor for services to be rendered in connection with a financing for a District (noted in Section 2.b above) is contingent upon and payable from funds made available by the delivery of and receipt of payment for such issue of the Bonds. All services rendered by the Contractor as provided in this Contract prior to this Contract's effective date are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract to the contrary, all obligations of the County under this Contract shall be expressly contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds by the County Board of Supervisors, acting as the legislative body of a District.

- 4. Price Increase/Decreases:** No price increases will be permitted during the first period of the price agreement. The County requires documented proof of cost increases on Contracts prior to any price adjustment. A minimum of 30 days advance notice in writing is required to secure such adjustment. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. All price decreases will automatically be extended to the County of Orange. The County may enforce, negotiate, or cancel escalating price Contracts or take any other action it deems appropriate, as it sees fit. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Contract. Adjustments increasing the Contractor's profit will not be allowed.
- 5. Firm Discount and Pricing Structure:** Contractor guarantees that prices quoted are equal to or less than prices quoted to any other local, State or Federal government entity for services of equal or lesser scope. Contractor agrees that no price increases shall be passed along to the County during the term of this Contract not otherwise specified and provided for within this Contract.
- 6. Contractor's Expense:** The Contractor will be responsible for all costs related to photo copying, telephone communications, and fax communications during the performance of work and services under this Contract. The County will not provide free parking for any service in the County Civic Center. No reimbursable expenses shall be allowed in this contract without prior written consent by the Finance Team Lead.
- 7. Payment Terms – Payment in Arrears:** Invoices are to be submitted within 30 days from the date Contractor completes deliverables as defined in Attachment A - Scope of Work. Contractor shall reference Contract number and bond issue on invoice. Payment will be net 30 days after receipt, and approval, by County of an invoice in a format acceptable to the County and verified and approved by the agency/department and subject to routine processing requirements. The responsibility for providing an acceptable invoice rests with the Contractor.

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Billing shall cover services and/or goods not previously invoiced. The Contractor shall reimburse the County of Orange for any monies paid to the Contractor for goods or services not provided or when goods or services do not meet the Contract requirements.

Payments made by the County shall not preclude the right of the County from thereafter disputing any items or services involved or billed under this Contract and shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the goods or services.

8. **Taxpayer ID Number:** The Contractor shall include its taxpayer ID number on all invoices submitted to the County for payment to ensure compliance with IRS requirements and to expedite payment processing.
9. **Payment – Invoicing Instructions:** The Contractor will provide an invoice on the Contractor’s letterhead for services rendered. Each invoice shall be reviewed by County staff prior to payment to ensure that the billing is consistent with the following information:
 - a. Contractor’s name and address
 - b. Contractor’s remittance address, if different from 1 above
 - c. Contractor’s Taxpayer ID Number
 - d. Name of County Agency/Department
 - e. Service address
 - f. Contract number
 - g. Date of invoice
 - h. Description of fees/service
 - i. Dates service was provided
 - j. Specify the specific bond issue
 - k. Sales tax, if applicable
 - l. Total

The County’s Contract Administrator, or designee, is responsible for approval of invoices and subsequent submittal of invoices to the Auditor-Controller for processing of payment. The responsibility for providing an acceptable invoice to the County for payment rests with the Contractor. Incomplete or incorrect invoices are not acceptable and will be returned to the Contractor for correction.

Invoices and support documentation are to be forwarded to:

County of Orange County Executive Office
400 W. Civic Center Dr., 5thFloor
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Attn: Finance Team Lead, CEO Budget & Finance
Or Email: PFAcctg@ocgov.com

ATTACHMENT C**STAFFING PLAN****1. Primary Staff to perform Contract duties**

Name	Classification/Title
Lawrence K. Chan	Partner/Shareholder
Brian P. Forbath	Partner/Shareholder
Carol L. Lew	Partner/Shareholder
Nicolas G. Yeager	Associate

Substitution or addition of Contractor's key personnel in any given category or classification shall be allowed only with prior written approval of the County Project Manager.

The Contractor may reserve the right to involve other personnel, as their services are required. The specific individuals will be assigned based on the need and timing of the service/class required. Assignment of additional key personnel shall be subject to County Project Manager approval. County reserves the right to have any of Contractor personnel removed from providing services to County under this Contract. County is not required to provide any reason for the request for removal of any Contractor personnel.