



## Legal & Claims Committee

# Request to Authorize Increase in Special Counsel Contract for General Government Law Advice

Item #7-7

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## Request for Contract Increase

### Subject

Authorize increase of \$200,000, to a maximum amount payable of \$600,000, for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Remcho LLP to provide general government law advice related to the Political Reform Act, the Fair Political Practices Commission regulations, conflict of interest law and other legislative and ethics matters

### Purpose

Request additional funds to continue engagement of highly qualified counsel

### Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Approve contract increase of additional \$200,000 funded within the FY 2024/25 budget

## Special Counsel

# Request for Additional Funds for Special Counsel

- Request to increase existing contract with Olson Remcho LLP
- First retained in 2014
- Increases to contract maximum authorized in 2016, 2018, 2021 and 2023

Specialized  
Legal  
Support

## Olson Remcho LLP

- Political Reform Act (PRA)
- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Regulations
- Conflict of Interest Law
- Metropolitan's Lobbyist Reports
- Other Legislative and Ethics Matters

# Board Options

- **Option #1**  
Authorize the General Counsel to increase the amount payable under its agreement with Olson Remcho LLP by \$200,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$600,000.
- **Option #2**  
Do not authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under this agreement with Olson Remcho LLP, effectively terminating this contract when the current funds are exhausted.

# Board Options

## Staff Recommendation:

- Option 1



