

## **City of Mountain View - Rental Housing Committee**

### **Legal Fee Budget proposal for Goldfarb & Lipman, LLP FY1718.**

Legal services for the Mountain View Housing Committee would be charged at Goldfarb & Lipman's hourly rates based on hourly rate as follows: work would be primarily completed by Karen Tiedemann with a billing rate of \$295 per hour, Justin Bigelow at \$195 per hour and Eric Phillips at \$230 per hour. We would draw on the expertise of our other attorneys as needed with rates billed accordingly. We would suggest that the budget be revisited in six months as services may vary depending on the number of petitions and the number of meetings the RHC needs to have to address issues that arise with the implementation of the CSFRA.

We would estimate hours for specific tasks as follows:

- a. Attendance at RHC Meetings including review of staff reports and agenda review prior to meeting once per month – 8 to 10 hours per month. If the RHC meets more often than once per month this amount would need to be adjusted. \$2,500 per meeting.
- b. Review hearing officer decisions on appeal and prepare recommendation for RHC. Cost per month would vary depending upon the number of petitions received and of those received the number appealed. For budgeting purposes we would estimate that the RHC would hear 2 to 3 appeals per month and that each appeal would take approximately 10 hours to review the record, draft the proposed recommended decision for the RHC and revise the decision, if necessary, after the RHC makes its determination. The per petition cost would be estimated to be \$2,500. Assuming 2 to 3 petitions per month, costs would be \$5,000 - \$7,500 per month.
- c. Respond to hearing officer and staff questions regarding implementation of CSFRA and Regulations. Project Sentinel will initially field questions from hearing officers and serve as a gatekeeper for questions to Goldfarb & Lipman. After the initial few months this portion of the budget may need to be adjusted depending upon the volume of questions but initially we would estimate 10 hours per month for responding to questions. \$2,500 per month.
- d. Updating and revising regulations. As the CSFRA is implemented it is likely that the RHC will want to revisit regulations and make adjustments and additions. In this initial year we would estimate that updating and revising the regulations would take on average 10 hours per month. \$2,500 per month.

Monthly Total estimated at \$12,500 - \$17,500 per month.

In addition to the above, in depth research topics are not included in this estimate and would require additional hours.