

DATE: June 11, 2026

TO: Rental Housing Committee

FROM: Andrea Kennedy, Senior Management Analyst
Anky van Deursen, Rent Stabilization Manager

SUBJECT: **Contract Renewal with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP for Fiscal Year 2026-27**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize the Rent Stabilization Manager or designee to execute an agreement with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP for legal services related to the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and to represent the Rental Housing Committee and the City of Mountain View in litigation related to the CSFRA for Fiscal Year 2026-27, for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.
2. Authorize the Rent Stabilization Manager or designee to execute an agreement with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP for legal services related to the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MHRSO) for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and to represent the Rental Housing Committee and the City of Mountain View in litigation related to the MHRSO for Fiscal Year 2026-27, for a total amount not to exceed \$35,000.

BACKGROUND

Goldfarb & Lipman LLP (Goldfarb & Lipman) provides legal counsel and litigation services to the Rental Housing Committee (RHC) to assist with implementing and administering the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act and the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance. Goldfarb & Lipman provided initial services to help the RHC launch the program during Fiscal Year 2017-18. During Fiscal Year 2018-19, a Request for Proposals was issued for ongoing legal services, and Goldfarb & Lipman was selected. Goldfarb & Lipman has provided similar services for the MHRSO since 2021. Services include:

1. Assisting the RHC in implementing and administering the CSFRA and MHRSO;
2. Providing subject matter expertise;
3. Attending RHC meetings;

4. Drafting regulations and staff reports;
5. Drafting tentative decisions in cases of appeal;
6. Assisting with issues and questions concerning the implementation of the CSFRA and MHRSO; and
7. Representing the RHC in litigation.

ANALYSIS

To continue the services of Goldfarb & Lipman in Fiscal Year 2026-27, an agreement must be executed. The RHC adopted policies and procedures for executing agreements, stating that for any contract exceeding \$50,000, authorization from the RHC is required for the Rent Stabilization Manager or designee to execute such agreements.

The total amount for CSFRA legal and litigation services is not to exceed \$250,000.

The total amount for MHRSO legal and litigation services is not to exceed \$35,000.

The cost of the legal services is based on the volume of work in the current and prior years, and was incorporated into the FY 2026-27 budget as adopted by the RHC in its [May 28, 2026 meeting](#).

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget includes up to \$250,000 for legal and litigation services for the CSFRA and up to \$35,000 for legal and litigation services for the MHRSO.

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