



# AGENDA REPORT

**Department:** City Attorney's Office  
**Prepared by:** Heidi A. Skinner, Interim City Attorney  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
**Approved by:** Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with Civica Law Group, APC, for Legal Services in Connection with a Specific Code Enforcement Litigation by Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$425,000, for a New Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$ 500,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement between the City of National City and Civica Law Group, APC, for Legal Services in the Specialized Area of Code Enforcement by Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$425,000, for a New Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$500,000."

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:**

Not Applicable.

**EXPLANATION:**

Civica Law Group, APC, is a law firm that specializes in code enforcement legal services including receiverships, nuisance abatements and cost recovery.

On February 20, 2024, with City Council approval, the City entered into an Agreement with Civica Law Group, APC, to provide specialized services in Code Enforcement including receiverships, nuisance abatements and cost recovery, and provide support on other matters as assigned for a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 per case.

Civica Law Group, APC, has been retained to handle litigation in the case titled *The People of the State of California, by and through the City of National City, et al. v. Kabeer Investments Group, Inc., et al.* The litigation is still ongoing and, to ensure continued representation by Civica Law Group, APC, in the litigation, City staff recommends amending the existing Agreement as it pertains to the litigation to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$425,000, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

There are no additional appropriations being requested at this time. The City Attorney's Office is in the process of assessing their Maintenance & Operations needs for the remainder of the fiscal year and will bring recommendations for budget adjustments to the City Council in April.

**RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Not Applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This is not a project under CEQA, and is therefore, not subject to environmental review. CCR15378; PRC 21065.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:**

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**ORDINANCE:**

Not Applicable

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibit A – Agreement

Exhibit B – Amendment

Exhibit C – Resolution