

# OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-01

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW AGENCY (CPRA) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KNOX & ROSS LAW GROUP FOR INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW OF CPRA CASES 07-0538, 13-1062, AND 16-0147 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$49,999.**

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the City of Oakland voted yes for Measure LL on November 8, 2016, which established the Oakland Police Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure LL amended the Oakland City Charter to add section 604, entitled "Police Commission;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2.04.022 on July 9, 2019, amending Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 2.04 *Purchasing System*, to add section 2.04.022 to authorize the Police Commission to enter Professional Service Agreements necessary to fulfill its duties as defined in Measure LL, codified in section 604 of the Oakland City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, all Police Commission contract approvals require an affirmative vote of four (4) or more members of the Commission who are designated to vote at the time the action is taken to approve a contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Police Review Agency (CPRA) Executive Director is authorized on behalf of the City of Oakland to enter into Professional Services Agreements properly approved by the Commission and shall be the contract administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, all contracts approved by the Police Commission are subject to the competitive and other processes and procedures required under Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 2.04 *Purchasing System*; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2019, the Police Commission voted to direct the CPRA Executive Director to contract with an outside investigator in review of CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Commission solicited and received three bids from Henry Gage, III, Knox & Ross Law Group, and Law Offices of Amy Oppenheimer for investigation and review of CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 25, 2019, the Police Commission was informed that Henry Gage, III and Law Office of Amy Oppenheimer had withdrawn their proposals from further consideration; and the Commission chose to continue to search for an outside investigator; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox & Ross Law Group being the sole responsible bidder is being recommended to perform investigation related to CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2019, the Police Commission voted to engage the services of Knox & Ross Law Group to investigate if there is enough evidence to reopen the CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland Police Commission authorize the CPRA Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Knox & Ross Law Group for investigation and whether there is enough evidence to reopen CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the total amount of the Agreement shall be for a not-to exceed amount of \$49,999; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said Agreement with Knox & Ross Law Group shall be executed contingent upon available funding; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the CPRA Executive Director has identified available funding in the amount of \$49,999 in General Purpose Fund (1010), Police Commission Organization (66111), Administrative Project (1003737), Program (IP06); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the CPRA Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and finalize a scope of investigative services with Knox & Ross Law Group for investigation and whether there is enough evidence to reopen CPRA cases 07-0538, 13-1062, and 16-0147.

IN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 24, 2019, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – ANDERSON, DORADO, GAGE, HARRIS, JACKSON, PRATHER

NOES –

ABSENT – SMITH

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:



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