

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: April 27, 2016

**REGARDING: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH
PUBLIC FINANCE LAW FIRMS, CITYWIDE**

Requested Board Action

To approve the provision of legal services from Kennedy & Graven, Chartered and Dorsey & Whitney LLP for the HRA, and execution of master legal services agreements.

Background

Kennedy & Graven, Chartered currently provides bond counsel and related public finance legal services for the HRA in its development and redevelopment activities in consultation with the HRA Attorney under a Master Legal Services Agreement. In order to update the panel of qualified law firms, the City Attorney Office (CAO) issued a request for qualification (RFQ) for Legal Services for both the HRA and the City. The CAO evaluated several responses to the RFQ, and based on this review and interviews as appropriate recommends to the HRA Board two firms to provide legal services for a three year period. The two firms include Kennedy & Graven, Chartered and Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

The forms of the proposed agreements with each firm are included in **Attachment B** (Kennedy & Graven, Chartered) and **Attachment C** (Dorsey & Whitney LLP).

The City Council has also been requested to take action with respect to the approval of law firms to perform legal services to the City.

Budget Action

No budget action is needed.

Future Action

N/A

Financing Structure

N/A

PED Credit Committee Review

N/A

Compliance

N/A

Green/Sustainable Development

N/A

Environmental Impact Disclosure

N/A

Historic Preservation

N/A

Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance

N/A

Recommendation:

The Executive Director recommends approval of the attached resolution approving legal services agreement with Kennedy & Graven, Chartered and Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

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Attachments:

- **Attachment B:** Form of Master Legal Services Agreement with Kennedy & Graven, Chartered
- **Attachment C:** Form of Master Legal Services Agreement with Dorsey & Whitney LLP