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Alder Tyisha Walker-Myers
President
24th Ward
Board of Alders
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C.

Dear Honorable President:

Attached please find a copy of the package that will be submitted at the April 19, 2021 meeting of the Board of Alders.

I am requesting approval to increase the maximum compensation for the law firm of Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. from \$99,000 to \$145,000 from line item 11331010-56696 effective immediately.

As indicated in my letter to you dated March 24, 2021 (see attached), this law firm has submitted invoices that exceed its budget in accordance with its legal service agreement for this fiscal year. Berchem's original contract was for \$50,000. We requested an amendment to \$99,000 to cover additional labor and employment related matters we have had to refer to them. Since OLR has experienced unforeseen personnel changes as well as an influx of labor & employment matters, OLR has recently had to refer a number of time-sensitive cases to Berchem, in addition to the work it is already performing for the City. We anticipate that the increase of an additional \$45,000 shall cover the volume of this work for the remainder of this fiscal year. We can cover the increase using funds currently allocated to other firms that have been not been used, and are not expected to be used during the remainder of this fiscal year.

Any assistance you may offer concerning this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I shall be glad to answer any questions or to provide you with any other information concerning this Amendment. I can be reached directly at 203-668-9282. I thank you and hope for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. King