



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**MEETING DATE:** April 24, 2001

**PREPARED BY:** Donald R. Hopper

**AGENDA LOCATION:** I-4

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**TITLE:**

Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Neufeld, Jaffe, Levin & Colantuono, LLP, to serve as City Attorney for the City of Monrovia as well as Special Counsel to the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency on an Interim Basis.

**OBJECTIVE:**

To establish the mechanism to provide for continued City Attorney and related legal services.

**BACKGROUND:**

City Attorney services for the City of Monrovia and Special Counsel to the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency services are currently provided by Michael Colantuono as a member of the law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon. Mr. Colantuono has left this firm and is now a principal in the law firm of Neufeld, Jaffe, Levin & Colantuono, LLP (NJLC).

**ANALYSIS:**

The City requires the services provided by a City Attorney on a daily basis. Therefore, the City intends to continue to utilize the services of Mr. Colantuono until a decision can be made to enter into a formal Agreement with NJLC or to formally conduct a selection process for continued City Attorney and Redevelopment Agency services.

Per the attached Letter Agreement, Mr. Colantuono and his firm will provide legal services at the same rates as previously agreed to with Richards, Watson & Gershon.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

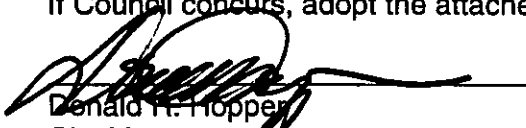
This Letter Agreement adds no cost to the General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City to enter into a Letter Agreement with Neufeld, Jaffe, Levin & Colantuono, LLP, to provide legal services for the City of Monrovia and the Redevelopment Agency.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:**

If Council concurs, adopt the attached Agreement for Legal Services.

  
Donald R. Hopper  
City Manager