

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF CHRISTINA M. CAMERON, ESQ., AND THE LAW FIRM OF DEVANEY PATE MORRIS & CAMERON, LLP, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ESCONDIDO CAMPAIGN CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, Escondido Municipal Code Section 2-110.5 (c) requires the City of Escondido to retain special counsel at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to a City election to enforce the Escondido Municipal Code pertaining to campaign related matters; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron, LLP (“Law Firm”), including partner Christina M. Cameron, Esq., has attorneys specialized in local government campaign and elections ethics, and has served as contract City Attorneys for local public agencies, as general counsel to public agency ethics commissions, and previously served as the City’s Campaign Enforcement Authority pursuant to the designation adopted in Resolution No. 2022-33 in April 2022, and Resolution No. 2024-31 in April 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm attorneys have the highest credentials, knowledge, experience, ethics and independence and would be well suited to continue serving as the City of Escondido’s campaign enforcement authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends the retention of Christina M. Cameron, Esq. and the Law Firm as special counsel to enforce the provisions of the Escondido Campaign Control Ordinance for the 2026 municipal election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.

2. That the City Council accepts and adopts the recommendation of the City Attorney, appoints Christina M. Cameron, Esq. and the Law Firm as the Enforcement Authority for the Escondido Campaign Control Ordinance, and authorizes the City Attorney to execute such documents as may be required to retain the Law Firm as special counsel to enforce the provisions of the Escondido Campaign Control Ordinance.