



## COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

**MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2026

**TOPIC** Legal Services Review Committee Recommendation

### BACKGROUND BRIEF:

The Ad Hoc Legal Services Review Committee has completed its preliminary work to establish the criteria for rating legal services firms; review the proposals received on October 22, 2025, and rate each; prepare interview questions and interview firms and rate each firm's interview presentation; and formulate a recommendation to Council on selection of the most qualified firm. The Committee has adopted the following recommendation for Council's consideration:

***"To recommend to the Village Council that the law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton of Troy, Michigan, be selected to provide general, prosecution, litigation, and other legal services for the Village of Lake Orion subject to the Committee's negotiation of an acceptable services contract with the firm and subsequent approval of the contract by the Village Council."***

The Committee is requesting that the Village Council accept and approve the recommendation of the Committee and to authorize the Committee to negotiate a services contract.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

10/27/2025 – Council created an Ad Hoc Legal Services Review Committee consisting of three (3) Council members, the Village Manager, and the Chief of Police to establish the criteria for rating legal services firms; review the proposals received on October 22, 2025, and rate each; prepare interview questions and interview firms and rate each firm's interview presentation; and formulate a recommendation to Council on selection of the most qualified firm no later than the first regular meeting of the Village Council in December 2025.

11/24/2025 – Council extended the expiration of the term of the Ad Hoc Legal Services Review Committee and the appointments thereto from the first regular meeting of the Village Council in December 2025 to the second regular meeting of the Village Council in January 2026.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

To accept and approve the recommendation from the Legal Services Review Ad Hoc Committee to select the law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton of Troy, Michigan, to provide general, prosecution, litigation, and other legal services for the Village of Lake Orion subject to the Committee's negotiation of an acceptable services contract with the firm and subsequent approval of the contract by the Village Council.