

## AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on 04/05/22 by and between TOWN OF LOS GATOS, a California municipal corporation, ("Town") and HdL Companies, ("Consultant"), whose address is 120 S. State College Blvd., Suite 200 Brea, CA 92821. This Agreement is made with reference to the following facts.

### I. RECITALS

- 1.1 The Town desires to engage Consultant to provide business license tax consulting services.
- 1.2 The Consultant represents and affirms that it is willing to perform the desired work pursuant to this Agreement.
- 1.3 Consultant warrants it possesses the distinct professional skills, qualifications, experience, and resources necessary to timely perform the services described in this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges Town has relied upon these warranties to retain Consultant.

### II. AGREEMENTS

- 2.1 Scope of Services. Consultant shall provide services as described in that certain scope of services sent to the Town, which is hereby incorporated by reference and attached as Attachment 1.
- 2.2 Term and Time of Performance. This contract will remain in effect from 04/05/2022 to 01/31/23.
- 2.3 Compliance with Laws. The Consultant shall comply with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations of governing federal, state and local laws. Consultant represents and warrants to Town that it has all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for Consultant to practice its profession. Consultant shall maintain a Town of Los Gatos business license pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the Town of Los Gatos.
- 2.4 Sole Responsibility. Consultant shall be responsible for employing or engaging all persons necessary to perform the services under this Agreement.
- 2.5 Information/Report Handling. All documents furnished to Consultant by the Town and all reports and supportive data prepared by the Consultant under this Agreement are the Town's property and shall be delivered to the Town upon the completion of Consultant's services or at the Town's written request. All reports, information, data, and exhibits prepared or assembled by Consultant in connection with the performance of its services pursuant to this Agreement are confidential until released by the Town to the public, and

the Consultant shall not make any of these documents or information available to any individual or organization not employed by the Consultant or the Town without the written consent of the Town before such release. The Town acknowledges that the reports to be prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are for the purpose of evaluating a defined project, and Town's use of the information contained in the reports prepared by the Consultant in connection with other projects shall be solely at Town's risk, unless Consultant expressly consents to such use in writing. Town further agrees that it will not appropriate any methodology or technique of Consultant which is and has been confirmed in writing by Consultant to be a trade secret of Consultant.

As used herein, the term "proprietary information" means all information, techniques, processes, services or material that has or could have commercial value or other utility in Consultant's Business, including without limitation: Consultant's (i) software, computer or data processing programs; (ii) data processing applications, routines, subroutines, techniques or systems; (iii) desktop or web-based software; (iv) audit, tax or fee collection/administration or business processes, methods or routines; (v) marketing plans, analyses and strategies; and (vi) materials, techniques and intellectual property used. Except as otherwise required by law, Client must hold in confidence and may not use (except as expressly authorized by this Agreement) or disclose to any other party any proprietary information provided, learned of or obtained by Client in connection with this Agreement.

If access to any software which Consultant owns is provided to Client as part of this Agreement (including, without limitation, if Client chooses to subscribe to such software and reports option as part of the Services) (such Consultant-owned software is, collectively, the "Software"), Consultant hereby provides a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to Client for the use by such of Client's staff as may be designated from time to time by Client and approved by Consultant in writing to use the Software pursuant to and during the Term of this Agreement. The Software must only be used by such authorized Client staff, and Client must not sublicense, sublet, duplicate, modify, decompile, reverse engineer, disassemble, or attempt to derive the source code of the Software. The license granted hereunder does not imply ownership by Client or any of Client's staff of the Software nor any rights of Client or any of Client's staff to sublicense, transfer or sell the Software, or rights to use the Software for the benefit of others. Client may not create (or allow the creation of) any derivative work or product based on or derived from the Software or documentation, nor modify (or allow the modification of) the Software or documentation without the prior written consent of Consultant. In the event of a breach of this provision (and without limiting Consultant's remedies), such modification, derivative work or product based on the Software or documentation is hereby deemed assigned to Consultant. Upon termination of this Agreement or this Software license, this Software license will be deemed to have expired and Client must immediately deactivate, cease using and remove, delete and destroy all the Software (including, without limitation, from Client's computers and network). Consultant warrants that the Software will perform in accordance with the Software's documentation.

All documents, preliminary drafts, communications and any and all other work product related to the Services and provided by Consultant to Client either in hard copy or electronically are the property of Client. This does not include any software, programs, methodologies or systems used in the creation of such work product, nor does it include any drafts, notes or internal communications prepared by Consultant in the course of performing the Services that were not otherwise provided to Client in either hardcopy or electronic form, all of which may be protected by Consultant or others' copyrights or other intellectual property. It is possible that any documents, drafts, communications or other work product provided to Client may be considered public records under applicable law and/or may be discoverable through litigation. Consultant may publicly state that it performs the Services for Client.

Subject to applicable law, Consultant is responsible for retaining all final documents and other final work product related to the Services for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date provided to Client. Retention of any other documents, preliminary drafts, communications and any and all other work product provided to Client by Consultant is the responsibility of Client. Consultant has no responsibility to retain any drafts, notes, communications, emails or other writings created or received by Client in the course of performing the Services (other than the final documents and other final work product related to the Services and provided to Client for the term of years referenced above).

- 2.6 Compensation. Compensation for Consultant's professional services **shall not exceed \$20,000**, inclusive of all costs. Payment shall be based upon Town approval of each task.
- 2.7 Billing. Billing shall be monthly by invoice within thirty (30) days of the rendering of the service and shall be accompanied by a detailed explanation of the work performed by whom at what rate and on what date. Also, plans, specifications, documents or other pertinent materials shall be submitted for Town review, even if only in partial or draft form.

Payment shall be net thirty (30) days. All invoices and statements to the Town shall be addressed as follows:

Invoices:

Town of Los Gatos

Attn: Accounts Payable

P.O. Box 655

Los Gatos, CA 95031-0655

- 2.8 Availability of Records. Consultant shall maintain the records supporting this billing for not less than three years following completion of the work under this Agreement. Consultant shall make these records available to authorized personnel of the Town at the Consultant's offices during business hours upon written request of the Town.

- 2.9 Assignability and Subcontracting. The services to be performed under this Agreement are unique and personal to the Consultant. No portion of these services shall be assigned or subcontracted without the written consent of the Town.
- 2.10 Independent Contractor. It is understood that the Consultant, in the performance of the work and services agreed to be performed, shall act as and be an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of the Town. As an independent contractor he/she shall not obtain any rights to retirement benefits or other benefits which accrue to Town employee(s). With prior written consent, the Consultant may perform some obligations under this Agreement by subcontracting but may not delegate ultimate responsibility for performance or assign or transfer interests under this Agreement. Consultant agrees to testify in any litigation brought regarding the subject of the work to be performed under this Agreement. Consultant shall be compensated for its costs and expenses in preparing for, traveling to, and testifying in such matters at its then current hourly rates of compensation, unless such litigation is brought by Consultant or is based on allegations of Consultant's negligent performance or wrongdoing.
- 2.11 Conflict of Interest. Consultant understands that its professional responsibilities are solely to the Town. The Consultant has and shall not obtain any holding or interest within the Town of Los Gatos. Consultant has no business holdings or agreements with any individual member of the Staff or management of the Town or its representatives nor shall it enter into any such holdings or agreements. In addition, Consultant warrants that it does not presently and shall not acquire any direct or indirect interest adverse to those of the Town in the subject of this Agreement, and it shall immediately disassociate itself from such an interest, should it discover it has done so and shall, at the Town's sole discretion, divest itself of such interest. Consultant shall not knowingly and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that it does not employ a person having such an interest in this performance of this Agreement. If after employment of a person, Consultant discovers it has employed a person with a direct or indirect interest that would conflict with its performance of this Agreement, Consultant shall promptly notify Town of this employment relationship, and shall, at the Town's sole discretion, sever any such employment relationship.
- 2.12 Equal Employment Opportunity. Consultant warrants that it is an equal opportunity employer and shall comply with applicable regulations governing equal employment opportunity. Neither Consultant nor its subcontractors do, and neither shall discriminate against persons employed or seeking employment with them on the basis of age, sex, color, race, marital status, sexual orientation, ancestry, physical or mental disability, national origin, religion, or medical condition, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification pursuant to the California Fair Employment & Housing Act.

### **III. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

#### **3.1 Minimum Scope of Insurance:**

- i. Consultant agrees to have and maintain, for the duration of the contract, General Liability insurance policies insuring him/her and his/her firm to an amount not less than: one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
- ii. Consultant agrees to have and maintain for the duration of the contract, an Automobile Liability insurance policy ensuring him/her and his/her staff to an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- iii. Consultant shall provide to the Town all certificates of insurance, with original endorsements effecting coverage. Consultant agrees that all certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the Town before work commences.
- iv. Consultant agrees to have and maintain, for the duration of the contract, professional liability insurance in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 which is sufficient to insure Consultant for professional errors or omissions in the performance of the particular scope of work under this agreement.

#### **General Liability:**

- i. The Town, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insured as respects: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Consultant; products and completed operations of Consultant, premises owned or used by the Consultant. This requirement does not apply to the professional liability insurance required for professional errors and omissions.
- ii. The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the Town, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurances maintained by the Town, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- iii. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the Town, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

- iv. The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made, or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

- 3.2 All Coverages. Each insurance policy required in this item shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the Town. Current certification of such insurance shall be kept on file at all times during the term of this agreement with the Town Clerk.
- 3.3 Workers' Compensation. In addition to these policies, Consultant shall have and maintain Workers' Compensation insurance as required by California law and shall provide evidence of such policy to the Town before beginning services under this Agreement. Further, Consultant shall ensure that all subcontractors employed by Consultant provide the required Workers' Compensation insurance for their respective employees.
- 3.4 Indemnification. The Consultant shall save, keep, hold harmless and indemnify and defend the Town its officers, agent, employees and volunteers from all damages, liabilities, penalties, costs, or expenses in law or equity that may at any time arise or be set up because of damages to property or personal injury received by reason of, or in the course of performing work which may be occasioned by a willful or negligent act or omissions of the Consultant, or any of the Consultant's officers, employees, or agents or any subconsultant.

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#### IV. GENERAL TERMS

- 4.1 Waiver. No failure on the part of either party to exercise any right or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver of any other right or remedy that party may have hereunder, nor does waiver of a breach or default under this Agreement constitute a continuing waiver of a subsequent breach of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.
- 4.2 Governing Law. This Agreement, regardless of where executed, shall be governed by and construed to the laws of the State of California. Venue for any action regarding this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of the County of Santa Clara.

- 4.3 Termination of Agreement. The Town and the Consultant shall have the right to terminate this agreement with or without cause by giving not less than fifteen days (15) written notice of termination. In the event of termination, the Consultant shall deliver to the Town all plans, files, documents, reports, performed to date by the Consultant. In the event of such termination, Town shall pay Consultant an amount that bears the same ratio to the maximum contract price as the work delivered to the Town bears to completed services contemplated under this Agreement, unless such termination is made for cause, in which event, compensation, if any, shall be adjusted in light of the particular facts and circumstances involved in such termination.
- 4.4 Amendment. No modification, waiver, mutual termination, or amendment of this Agreement is effective unless made in writing and signed by the Town and the Consultant.
- 4.5 Disputes. In any dispute over any aspect of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, including costs of appeal.
- 4.6 Notices. Any notice required to be given shall be deemed to be duly and properly given if mailed postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Town of Los Gatos  
Attn: Town Clerk  
110 E. Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

HdL Companies  
120 S. State College Blvd.  
Suite 200  
Brea, CA 92821

or personally delivered to Consultant to such address or such other address as Consultant designates in writing to Town.

- 4.7 Order of Precedence. In the event of any conflict, contradiction, or ambiguity between the terms and conditions of this Agreement in respect of the Products or Services and any attachments to this Agreement, then the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail over attachments or other writings.
- 4.8 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Exhibits, constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the Agreement between the Town and Consultant. No terms, conditions, understandings or agreements purporting to modify or vary this Agreement, unless hereafter made in writing and signed by the party to be bound, shall be binding on either party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town and Consultant have executed this Agreement.

Town of Los Gatos by:

Consultant, by:

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Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager

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Robert Gray

Recommended by:

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Stephen Conway, Finance Director

CIO  
HdL Companies

Approved as to Form:

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Robert Schultz, Town Attorney

Attest:

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Shelley Neis, MMC, CPMC, Town Clerk



**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Tax and Fee Administration Services and Fees**  
**Business License Tax Ordinance/Fee Study**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Consultant will provide the following Services relative to Client's business license tax ordinance/fee study.

- 1. Current Tax Registry Analysis** - HdL will conduct an analysis of the current business license ordinance and the City's tax registration database. Data will be compiled on the number of businesses, current tax revenues received by City, categories, and other related information in order to provide an accurate baseline for current models and the impact of changes.
- 2. Fee Analysis and Comparative Study** - Using the data compiled from the registration analysis, as well as data compiled from other sources such as neighboring cities, HdL will prepare a report comparing the City model and best practices to those of neighboring cities. The report will assist and provide the City with guidance as to possible positive changes to its current model. The report will also include filing options, sample tax forms, and other tax administration related data/documents.
- 3. Modified Tax Structure Options** - As a result of the findings of the comparison report, HdL, in conjunction with City staff will draft a series of possible business tax re-structuring options for City consideration. Options may include the proposing of gross receipt-based taxes, employee-based taxes, flat taxes or a hybrid of all mentioned options. HdL will draft potential new and detailed structures to be used in the City's new ordinance. HdL will also review and provide sample ordinance language from neighboring cities "model ordinances." The final report will include, among other things, a complete business license tax structure recommendation along with revenue and cost impacts associated with each proposed model.

**FEES**

- 4. Fees for performing operations management Services** shall be a flat fee of \$20,000.00 which shall be due within 30 days of Agreement execution.
- 4.1. Fees related to travel and lodging expenses** are billed at cost and apply to all meetings (including implementation, training, operations and support). Travel expenses only apply to out-of-scope travel and must therefore be pre-approved by Client.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have entered into this Attachment 1, Scope of Work through their duly authorized representatives as of 4/17/2022, 2022.

**CONSULTANT:**

Hinderliter De Llamas and Associates (HdL)

**CLIENT:**

Town of Los Gatos, CA



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