



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/16/2026

ITEM NO: 6

DATE: June 4, 2026
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney
SUBJECT: **Authorize the Town Manager or Designee to Enter into a Litigation Legal Services Agreement for FY 2026-27 with Goldfarb and Lipman in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000**

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Town Manager or designee to enter into a Litigation Legal Services Agreement for FY 2026-27 with Goldfarb and Lipman in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed action will authorize a contract in the amount of \$200,000 for Land Use Litigation services in Fiscal Year 2026-27. Funds have been budgeted for these services in account 1111301-63215, and sufficient funds are available.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

The item supports a top priority of providing a range of housing opportunities while diligently maintaining and implementing the Housing Element.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2022, the Town Attorney's Office entered into an agreement with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP to provide specialized housing law legal services. Over the past four years, the firm has assisted the Town with Housing Element issues, SB 330 projects, and land use litigation. Continued representation remains necessary for two existing cases.

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SUBJECT: Goldfarb Litigation Agreement FY 2026-27

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For FY 2026-27, the Town Attorney's Office recommends entering into a new agreement that provides legal services for land use litigation. The Town Attorney's Office retains Goldfarb and Lipman as a single source vendor as allowed under Town Code section 2.50.130(b)(2).

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Legal Services Agreement will cover legal representation and advice on land use litigation, including two existing cases. Goldfarb & Lipman is recognized statewide as an expert in Housing Element law and is uniquely qualified to represent the Town in these matters.

A new contract for FY 2026-27, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000, ensures the Town has the necessary resources to address pending litigation matters.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager or designee to enter into a Litigation Legal Services Agreement with Goldfarb & Lipman for FY 2026-27 for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

COORDINATION:

This report was coordinated with the Town Attorney's Office, Town Manager's Office, and the Finance Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Land Use Litigation Agreement