

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
AWARDING CONTRACT TO RAIMI & ASSOCIATES, INC., A CALIFORNIA  
CORPORATION, FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE 6TH CYCLE  
HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$169,380; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO  
EXECUTE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF  
\$169,380 FROM THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)**

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2023, the City of Watsonville accepted a Regional Early Access Planning (REAP) 2.0 Grant from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for the implementation of goals and policies in the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element and appropriated \$180,000 to the Special Grants Fund (0260); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, the grant amount was subsequently reduced by approximately six percent due to state budget shortfalls to \$169,380; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2024, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified planning consultant to implement certain programs from the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received seven proposals related to the Housing Element Implementation RFP; and

**WHEREAS**, following review, scoring, and discussion of the seven proposals, the three top scoring consultant teams were interviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, following the consultant interviews and a final analysis of the three proposals, Raimi + Associates was chosen as the team to assist the City in implementing certain programs from the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to implement the selected programs from the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element will not exceed \$169,380; and

**WHEREAS**, funding will be allocated from a \$169,380 Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant for RHNA/Housing Element planning and implementation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution approving the Contract with Raimi + Associates does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and if a "project," is exempt under the "common sense" exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the consultant contract is hereby awarded to Raimi & Associates, Inc., a California corporation, for the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Implementation, in an amount not to exceed \$169,380, a copy of which is Contract is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, including a final scope and schedule, with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

4. That a budget appropriation of \$169,380 s from the Special Grants Fund (0260) to Account Number 0260-339-7XXXX-0202 is hereby authorized.

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