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City of Long Beach
1 W. Chester Street
Long Beach, New York 11561

Attention: Ronald Walsh, Acting City Manager/Police Commissioner

Re: *Legal Services*

Dear Commissioner Walsh:

Thank you for the call earlier this week about Long Beach's needs and my firm's interest in acting as Special Counsel to it.

Our Firm

Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP currently maintains 17 attorneys and employs approximately the same number of support staff. We utilize a team approach to our practice areas, with individual attorneys joined into "practice groups," and with each practice group concentrating in just a few areas of law. At least one partner oversees each practice group, including the group assigned to Municipal Law. Our practice groups include not only Municipal law (an area of concentration), but also General litigation (in both state and federal court), Land Use, Labor/Employment law (including Civil Service law), and Election law. Our Municipal Law group works closely with our Real Estate Law group drafting and reviewing land leases, easements and related matters and litigation.

The firm was originally founded by me in 1980 after serving ten years with Nassau County Government (ending as the Municipal Law Bureau Chief of the County Attorney's Office). As Municipal Law Bureau Chief, I was the General Legal Advisor for all of the departments and divisions of County Government, as well as for any municipal entity in Nassau County which requested the assistance of that Office. As demonstrated by my volunteer service as a Trustee and Mayor in my home village of Garden City (1993-2009), and my current role as "Pro Bono" Counsel to the Suffolk County Village Officials' Association, I have continued to have a strong personal interest in government service.

At present, the firm's Municipal group consists of me, Partner Kenneth A. Gray, Partner William C. DeWitt, Partner Andrew K. Preston, Senior Associate Stephen L. Martir, and Associate Anthony Vassallo.

The attorneys in our Municipal group have broad experience and background in Municipal law, having represented local governments at virtually all levels in New York. We are therefore well versed in General Municipal law. In addition to acting as Special Counsel to numerous municipalities around Long Island (including the City of Long Beach and the City of Glen Cove), we have acted as General Counsel to a number of villages (including Centre Island, Manorhaven, Bloomingburg, Lawrence, Great Neck, Garden City and Ocean Beach). In that capacity we routinely draft local legislation, prepare/review municipal public work contracts (resolving related questions of competitive bidding, Wicks Law compliance, Prevailing Wages, etc.) and represent numerous Zoning Boards of Appeals, Planning Boards and related land use boards.

Our clients have included municipal entities at virtually every level of government, including the:

- State (N.Y.S. Liquidation Bureau, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Long Island Power Authority, N.Y. Racing Association, et al.),
- County (Nassau and Suffolk),
- Town (Hempstead, Oyster Bay, Brookhaven, Islip),
- City (Glen Cove and Long Beach),
- Village (e.g., Bayville, Bloomingburg, Farmingdale, Freeport, Garden City, Great Neck, Lawrence, Lloyd Harbor, Lynbrook, Malverne, Manorhaven, Mineola, Muttontown, Ocean Beach, Oyster Bay Cove, Stewart Manor, et al.),
- Library (Glen Cove, Malverne, Great Neck), and
- Special District (various Fire Departments, Sanitation Districts, etc.) levels.

We understand the City has an active Office of Corporation Counsel (and other outside Special Counsel) that handles a wide array of matters. We believe our experience in Municipal Law and Land Use can be a valuable asset to your office and the City Council.

Additionally, it may be of interest to note that I am a former member of the Executive Board of the Nassau County Village Officials Association ("NC VOA"), and that we currently act as Counsel to the Suffolk County Village Officials Association ("SC VOA") and the Suffolk County Superintendents of Highway Association ("SC SHA").

We believe we are well qualified to represent the City of Long Beach in many matters, including, but not limited to, the proposed "wind farm" project.

It is my understanding that the City is seeking advice and counsel to assist with any land use (zoning, planning, real estate, leases, easements, rights-of-way, etc.) issues that will be related to

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the proposed "wind farm" project. My firm would also be available to assist in researching similar/alternative projects that exist and/or are proposed in other jurisdictions.

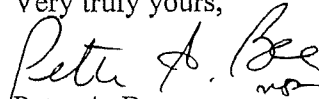
For such services on any assigned project, we propose an hourly rate as follows:

\$400.00 for Partners
\$350.00 for Senior Associate Attorneys
\$300.00 for Associate Attorneys
\$200.00 for Paralegals/Law Clerks

Our office bills in 1/10 or .1, hour increments. Our services are, of course, terminable at will by the City.

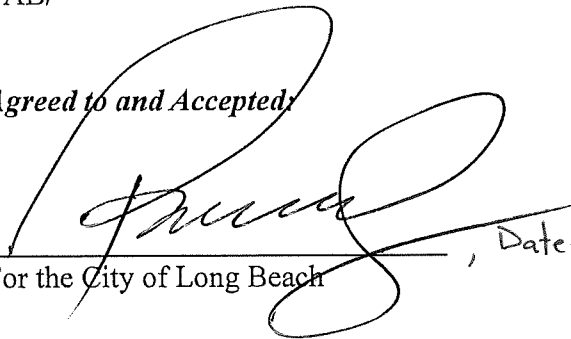
We are available to meet with you and members of the City Council to discuss our proposal at your convenience. Thank you again for your interest in our firm.

Very truly yours,


Peter A. Bee

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Agreed to and Accepted:



For the City of Long Beach

, Dated: 4/5/2023