

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date:

06.26.12

TO: Kevin Skelly, Superintendent

FROM: Cathy Mak, Chief Business Officer

SUBJECT: Contracts for Legal Services for 2012-13: (1) Lozano Smith; (2) Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost; and (3) Dannis Woliver Kelley

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE

Budget Trends and Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

The District currently contracts with three firms to provide the major part of the necessary legal services. Lozano Smith provides the bulk of legal services for the District, including advice on human resources, business, curriculum and other matters. The Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost firm provides services in special education. The Dannis Woliver Kelley firm provides facilities and construction related services.

EXPENDITURE HISTORY

	Lozano Smith (LS)	Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost (FFF)	Dannis Woliver Kelley (DWK)	Total
2008-09	\$74,462	\$47,871	\$39,543	\$161,876
2009-10	\$84,639	\$28,525	\$11,162	\$124,326
2010-11	\$99,639	\$164,271	\$12,971	\$276,881
2011-12*	\$80,466**	\$98,834	\$10,160	\$189,460
*Partial year cost (through April 2012) **Excludes costs related to the 525 San Antonio purchase				

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that contracts be issued to these same firms for the 2012-13 fiscal year in the following amounts: Lozano Smith for \$110,000; Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost for \$140,000; and Dannis Woliver Kelley for \$30,000. The amounts are consistent with the estimated expenditures for 2011-12 for Lozano Smith, Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, and Dannis Woliver Kelley. The expenditures provided by Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost continue to be higher than prior years due to the implementation of the recommendations from the special education study.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Lozano Smith and Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost contracts will be funded by the General Fund legal budget. The Dannis Woliver Kelley contract will be funded by capital budgets, with the amounts charged to the specific fund which requires the services.

RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the June 19, 2012 Special meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize staff to enter into contracts for legal services for 2012-13 in the following amounts: Lozano Smith for \$110,000; Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost for \$140,000; and Dannis Woliver Kelley for \$30,000.