AGENDA

A Regular Board Meeting for: SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST will be held at Council Briefing Room 100 Military Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205 and virtually via ZOOM:

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DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1-346-248-7799 MEETING ID: 868 1579 8511 PASSWORD: 517287 on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE: A quorum of the board of directors will be physically located at 100 Military Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205 at 4:00 p.m. One or more of the Directors may attend this meeting by video conference pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Texas Open Meetings Act. An electronic copy of the agenda packet may be accessed at the San Antonio Housing Trust website under the CALENDAR/Board Meeting date page prior to the meeting.

NOTICE: This meeting of the Board, being held for the reasons listed below, is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Executive Director.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of May 27, 2021
- **3.** Public Comment Interested speakers will have 3 minutes each to address the Board on agenda items or housing policy related matters.
- 4. Discussion and possible action for Election of Officers
- 5. Discussion and possible action to appoint Board Members to San Antonio Trust Housing Foundation Board
- 6. Discussion and possible action to appoint Committee Assignments
- 7. Discussion and possible action for appointment and engagement of a General Counsel
- 8. Discussion and possible action to adopt a "Conflict-of-Interest" Policy
- **9.** Adjournment

<u>Executive Session</u>. The San Antonio Housing Trust reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.087 (economic development). *ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE ACTED ON IN OPEN SESSION*

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is possible that members City boards,

commissions and/or committees may attend the open meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of any other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance in numbers constituting a quorum. These members of other City boards, commissions, and/or committees may not deliberate or take action on items listed on the agenda. [Attorney General Opinion – No. GA-0957 (2012)].

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Nicole Collazo, for concerns or requests, at (210) 735-2772 or FAX (210) 735-2112.

This item includes the approval of min	nutes from the May 27, 2021 meeting.
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MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 27, 2021

TIME AND PLACE: 2:43 p.m.; Zoom meeting; The Roseville Apartments Community Center, 4139 E Houston St. San Antonio. TX 78220

PRESENT: Celina Peña, Paul DeManche, Hilliard Galloway, Estrellita Garcia-Diaz, John Whitsett, Erica

Martinez, and John Harris

ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS: Pedro Alanis- Executive Director; Nicole Collazo- Assistant Director, Maria Bradley- Senior Administrative Assistant, Robert "Woody" Wilson– Attorney.

VISITORS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.
- 2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2021.

Director John Whitsett motioned, and Director Paul DeManche seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD-INTERESTED SPEAKERS WILL HAVE 3 MINUTES EACH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS OR HOUSING POLICY RELATED MATTERS; A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES WILL BE PROVIDED.

NONE.

4. RECOMMENDATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: BRIEFING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOVERNANCE REALIGNMENT OF ALL SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST RELATE ENTITIES AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AMENDED AND RESTATED ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS.

Pete briefed to the board about the new proposed Governance structure and recommended to the board about accepting the new Governance structure.

Motion out of Committee- Director John Whitsett and seconded by Director Hillard Galloway to approve the presented Governance restructure.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (consultation with attorney, personnel, contracts, real estate, and litigation matters may be discussed)

ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE ACTED UPON IN OPEN SESSION. NONE.

6. **ADJOURNMENT-** Without objection the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:48pm

ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE ACTED UPON IN OPEN SESSION

Signed this	_of	<u>,</u> 2022.	
			Respectfully Submitted By:
		_	Secretary

Public Comment

Interested speakers will have 3 minutes each to address the Board on agenda items or housing policy related matters; a total of 15 minutes will be provided. Instructions to sign up for Public Comment via Zoom video conference.

• To sign up for Public Comment please call 210-735-2772 24 hours prior to this meeting to place your name on the list.

Discussion and possible action for the Election of Officers.

Summary:

The officers of the Trust consist of the President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and any other officers that the Board may establish by most Trustees. Any person may hold any two or more offices of the Trust except the offices of President and Secretary.

- Elections are to be held as determined by the Board of Trustees.
- Slate is presented at the board meeting
- Nominations are accepted from the floor
- Election by majority of Trustees present is required.

The Managing Trustee shall hold the office of Treasurer, unless otherwise elected by the Board of Trustees and subject to City Council approval.

The President will preside at all meetings of the Board. The President will have other powers and duties not inconsistent with these Bylaws as may be assigned by the Board.

The Vice President will have the powers and duties of the President in its absence. A Vice President will act under the direction of the President and in his/her absence have the duties and powers of the President. A Vice President will have other duties and powers as the President, or the Board of Trustees may assign.

The Secretary will have the general powers and duties usually vested in such office of a Trust, including keeping all records, documents, and the corporation seal at the principal office of the Trust; affixing the corporate seal to any instrument requiring it and to attest the same by his or her signature when authorized by the Board of Trustees of after the instrument has been signed by the President, a Vice President or other authorized officer or agent' keeping the minutes of the meetings.

The Treasurer will be responsible for all funds and securities of the Trust and will have the general powers and duties usually vested in such office of the Trust, including receiving and documenting all monies due and payable to the Trust; depositing all monies received in the name of the Trust in a depository designated by the Board; disbursing monies of the Trust under the direction or orders of the Board; entering regularly in the books kept by the Treasurer a complete and accurate account of all monies received and disbursed by the Trust; rendering a statement of the financial accounts of the Trust to the Board as requested; exhibiting the books of account in his/her custody to any Trustee upon request; and submitting a full financial report to the Board of Trustees at a meeting during the next fiscal year.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends electing a President, Vice President, and Secretary. Staff also recommends keeping City's Managing Trustee installed as Treasurer.

Discussion and possible action to appointment of Board Members to San Antonio Trust Housing Foundation Board

Summary:

On September 8, 1989, the City of San Antonio Housing Trust was established by Ordinance No. 67895.

Pursuant to said Declaration of Trust, Article III, Section 3.3.1, as amended by Resolution No. 90-0801 passed on August 15, 1990 and approved by Ordinance No. 72563 passed on November 1, 1990, the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, is responsible for the administrative support of the operations of the City of San Antonio Housing Trust; and under Ordinance No. 74452 passed on September 26, 1991, the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, Inc. was designated and approved to be the administrative and fiscal agent of the City of San Antonio Housing Trust for the disbursement of awards of Trust assistance to sponsors of affordable housing projects and programs.

On June 10, 2021, City Council approved amendments to the Declaration of Trust and Final Rules and Regulations for the City of San Antonio Housing Trust. In Article III, Section 3.6 of the First Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, states that the administration and management of the operations of the City of San Antonio Housing Trust and the staff support of the Board of Trustees will be provided by the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, Inc.

On August 5, 2021, City Council passed an Ordinance appointing Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Phyllis Viagran, Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Teri Castillo, and John Courage to the San Antonio Housing Trust, San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation, San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, and the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation Board of Directors.

On January 13, 2022 City Council approved the following appointments to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees, the San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facility Corporation, and the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation Antoinette Brumfield (Housing Expert), Eric Cooper (Community Representative) and Jane Paccione (Community Representative) for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2023 and Marinella Murillo (Housing Expert), Rachell Hathaway (Housing Expert) and Jordan Ghawi (Community Representative) for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Housing Trust Board appoint Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Phyllis Viagran, Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Teri Castillo, John Courage, Antoinette Brumfield, Eric Cooper, Jane Paccione, Marinella Murillo, Rachell Hathaway, Jordan Ghawi, and Mark Carmona, to the Housing Trust Foundation Board.

Discussion and possible action to appoint Committee Assignments

Summary:

The Board President can create ad-hoc committees as needed and only for specific tasks. There are two (2) standing Committees consisting of at least one (1) City Council Trustee and one (1) Community Trustee.

The Board President shall assign the Trustee to these standing Committees. The two (2) standing Committees are the **Governance and Policy Committee** that shall be responsible for evaluation of new Community Trustees, overall policy development and Executive Director evaluations; and **Finance and Audit Committee** that shall review and prepare the annual budget and oversee audits.

- Any Committee member maybe removed by the Board President.
- Any ad hoc Committee may be abolished by the Board President.
- The standing Committees may only be abolished by the Board of Trustees.

The following persons have expressed interest in serving on a board committee:

- CM McKee-Rodriguez Governance and Policy Committee
- Jane Paccione Governance and Policy Committee
- Marinella Murillo Finance and Audit Committee

Recommendation:

Staff recommends including project level reviews in Finance and Audit Committee

Staff recommends newly elected President provide committee assignments to the two standing committees with no more than 3-4 persons per committee.

Discussion and possible action for appointment and engagement of General Counsel

Summary:

The SA Housing Trust issued an RFQ for Legal Services including General Counsel for the four entities of the Housing Trust. Proposals were due in July 2021 in anticipation of the Governance Realignment occurring in 2021.

SAHT received the following responsive proposals for General Counsel:

- 1. Robert W. Wilson II, Sanchez and Wilson, PLLC
- 2. Adam C. Harden Locke Lord, LLP
- 3. Stephen Dennis Clark Hill, PLC
- 4. Paul A. Fletcher Langley & Banack, Inc.
- 5. Kelli Cubeta Cubeta Law Group, PLLC
- 6. Clarissa M. Rodriguez Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech

An evaluation team consisting of highly regarded attorney's and SAHT staff met on several occasions from November 2021 through January 2022 to:

- Discuss the responsive proposals
- Develop a shortlist
- Interview or obtain clarification from respondents
- Provide a recommendation

Evaluation Criteria was reviewed as follows:

- Ability to carry out scope of legal services
- Specific record and experience
- Professional qualifications and licensing
- Insurability and status of current work
- MWBE and/or employment of minority and women in performance of Trust
- Location and access

Recommendation:

The Evaluation Committee recommends the SAHT Board of Trustees execute an engagement letter with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech to serve as General Counsel to the City of San Antonio Housing Trust.

Attachment:

Evaluation Team Members Proposal Engagement Letter

SA Housing Trust Legal Services RFQ

Evaluation Panel



Pedro (Pete) Alanis has over 18 years of community development experience including as the City of San Antonio's Real Estate Administrator. He became the Executive Director of the San Antonio Housing Trust in September 2019. Since then, he has renewed partnerships with local non-profits in affordable housing; developed funding priorities to assist San Antonio's most vulnerable populations; and facilitated the realignment of the San Antonio Housing Trust's governing board. These efforts provided the unified, transparent, and strategic focus necessary to establish the San Antonio Housing Trust as a leader in creating and preserving affordable housing for those in most need. In 2021, his leadership earned the San Antonio Housing Trust the inaugural Susan R. Sheeran Bridge Builder Award. Pete currently serves on the San Antonio Housing Commission, the Successfully Aging and Living in San Antonio workgroup, and the For Everyone Home Initiative team. He is also the Real Estate and Development Co-chair for the City of San Antonio's Strategic Housing Implementation Plan.



Timothy Alcott currently oversees SAHA's Development Services and Neighborhood Revitalization, Construction and Legal Services departments. Alcott holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from St. Mary's University and a Juris Doctorate from OCU School of Law. He has been in the housing industry for over 20 years both in the private and public sectors. During his tenure at SAHA, he has worked with the organization to ensure the successful financing, construction or rehabilitation of thousands of apartments and homes. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, U.S. Court of Appeals (Fifth Circuit), the Federal Bar Association, Housing Development and Law Institute, San Antonio Bar Association; and served as Vice President and Secretary of the Association of Corporate Counsel. He has been named as one of the top in-house counsel in San Antonio by the San Antonio Business Journal.



Leslie Hyman assists clients with business litigation and arbitration, antitrust and trade regulation counseling, and appellate matters, including bankruptcy appellate cases. Within her business litigation practice, she has handled numerous complex disputes involving issues such as contract rights, antitrust, fraud, and intellectual property. She has litigated in federal and state courts and before national and international arbitration tribunals. She also counsels' clients in all aspects of the supply chain — manufacturers, distributors, and consumers — on antitrust and trade regulation matters, particularly in the distribution context and provides guidance in developing antitrust compliance materials and programs. Leslie has represented financial institutions, issuers, and individuals in investigations and private securities fraud litigation and arbitration proceedings.

Leslie is Past Chair of the State Bar of Texas Antitrust and Business Litigation Section and a member of the American Bar Association Antitrust Section. She is Past Chair of the State Bar of Texas Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee, is co-chair of the San Antonio Bar Association's Federal Courts Committee, is a founding member of the Steering Committee of the Bexar County Women's Bar's LEAD Academy, serves on the board of the San Antonio Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section, and is a member of the Board of Editors of San Antonio Lawyer Magazine.



Frank Garza has extensive public and employment law experience in representing municipalities and governmental entities in legal matters involving their business and operations. He has represented his clients in litigation, appellate and administrative matters before various county, district and appellate courts in Texas. He currently serves as City Attorney for the cities of Balcones Heights, Helotes, Hondo, Karnes City, Kyle, Olmos Park, Rockwall and Terrell Hills. Additionally, he currently provides legal guidance to the cities of Alamo Heights, Leon Valley EDC, Richmond, San Antonio and Windcrest.

Mr. Garza serves as general counsel to various other governmental entities including Brooke Development Authority, Port Authority of San Antonio, City of San Antonio Civil Service Commission, City of San Antonio Police and Fire Civil Service Commission, Alamo Area Metropolitan Policy Organization, VIA Transit Authority, Cibolo Canyon Special Improvement District, Westside 211 Special Improvement District and Westside Development Corporation.



Jameene Williams is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Antonio. While she handles a wide array of legal matters for the City, she primarily serves as legal advisor to the City's Neighborhood and Housing Services and Planning Departments, and the City of San Antonio's Housing Commission. Jameene is the lead attorney for all general funded housing programs and regularly works with staff and outside counsel for the City's affiliated housing entities and non-profit delegate agencies. Prior to joining the City Attorney's office, Jameene worked at the law firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech, P.C. During her nine years at the firm, she exclusively represented cities and other local governmental entities.

Jameene was born in Atlanta, Georgia and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She attended the University of Chicago, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Jameene then moved to Texas to attend the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, graduating, and becoming licensed to practice law in 2007. While in law school. Jameene clerked for the Honorable John T. Wooldridge, ret., of the 269th District Court of Harris County. She is licensed to practice law in all courts of the State of Texas, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas.



Nicole Collazo has worked in non-profit administration for more than 15 years, with the past 12 years focused on real estate development and non-profit affordable housing. She is currently the Director of Operations for the San Antonio Housing Trust, previously serving as the Interim Executive Director in 2019. When she first joined the organization in 2009, Nicole managed multiple aspects of the San Antonio Housing Trust including project financing, due diligence, partnerships relationships, and closings as well as communications with state and local agencies, investors, and legal teams. Throughout her tenure at SAHT, Nicole has been committed to improving communities and neighborhoods through affordable housing developments.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of the Incarnate Word. Prior to her career at the Trust, Nicole served as the Interim Arts Education Director of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center where she provided oversight of operations including all education programs and events. Born and raised in San Antonio, she thrives on the opportunity to help strengthen the community.





RESPONSE TO THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR

GENERAL COUNSEL

Submitted July 15, 2021

by

Clarissa M. Rodriguez, Partner/Shareholder

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A. Transmittal Letter

The letter shall provide the names, title, address (physical and mailing) and telephone number of the official contact and shall be numbered if more than one page.

RESPONSE:

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.'s, (DNRB&Z and/or Firm) transmittal letter found in Tab A provides the name, title, address, and telephone number of the official contact. The Firm's San Antonio office is submitting this Response to the Request for Qualifications for General Counsel services.



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July 15, 2021

San Antonio Housing Trust Attn: Nicole Collazo, Assistant Director 2515 Blanco Road San Antonio, Texas 78212

Re: Response to Request for Qualifications - San Antonio Housing Trust

Dear Ms. Collazo:

DNRB&Z is pleased to submit this Response to the Request for Qualifications for General Counsel services to the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT).

Our Firm focuses its practice on the representation of governmental entities, providing legal services in all areas of local government law, including but not limited to human resources, state/federal laws, contract law, public disclosures, real estate law, and purchasing/procurement issues as more fully described in our Response.

We propose the SAHT appoint DNRB&Z to provide General Counsel services. I will serve as Lead Attorney and will be your primary point of contact. Depending on your needs and workload, other lawyers in the Firm will be used when necessary to allow prompt and efficient responses to your needs and reduce your overall costs in connection with our engagement if selected.

If you have any questions or concerns about our Response, you can reach me by phone at (210) 227-3243 or email cmrodriguez@rampagelaw.com.

We appreciate the opportunity to present our proposal for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH

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CMR/dq

B. Statement Concerning Insurance

Confirmation that the Legal Firm has in place general liability insurance, worker's compensation, and professional liability insurance.

RESPONSE:

We have attached two sample copies of the Certificates of Insurance reflecting type of coverage and policy limits. If chosen as General Counsel for the SAHT, we would contact our Agents of Record requesting the issuance of Certificates of Insurance naming SAHT as Certificate Holders.

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C. Statement Concerning Conflict of Interest

Disclose those interests of the Legal Firm that would impede with or interfere in the carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the position of a Privileged Attorney are deemed conflicting.

RESPONSE:

The Firm represents a number of municipalities and quasi-governmental entities. Pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct 1.06 (c), a lawyer may undertake multiple representations if (1) the lawyer reasonably believes the representation of each client will not be materially affected; and (2) each affected or potentially affected client consents to such representation after full disclosure of the existence, nature, implications, and possible adverse consequences of the common representation and the advantages involved, if any.

The legal advice pertaining to administrative, operations, and compliance with federal state law or other internal legal advice such as personnel/employment matters present little if any risks of conflict with responsibilities to the SAHT. To that extent, we do not have any clients that would cause a conflict of interest with our responsibilities to the SAHT.

Because the Firm limits our representation to only local governments and quasi-governmental entities, the Firm believes no conflict of interest would ever arise in our representation of the SAHT. However, should a conflict of interest arise, the Firm will fully comply with our ethical obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.



D. Qualifications Statement

The entire Qualification Package shall stand alone and include full responses to all RFQ instructions. The Qualification statement must not exceed 25 pages of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 11" paper.

RESPONSE:

We are proud to present the Firm's Statement of Qualifications to provide General Counsel services to provide the SAHT legal advice and counsel described in more detail on pages 1-24 of our Response.

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1. Organizational Information

Describe the Legal Firm's name, principals, ownership organization, address, contact information, legal specializations, year established, former names, and identify home or branch office making submittal.

RESPONSE:

The name of the Firm is Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

DNRB&Z is owned by nine principals/shareholders:

Lowell F. Denton – San Antonio/Texas Gulf Coast

Ricardo J. Navarro - Rio Grande Valley

Patrick C. Bernal - San Antonio

Charles E. Zech – Austin

Robert L. Drinkard - Rio Grande Valley

Clarissa M. Rodriguez - San Antonio

Rebecca S. Hayward - Rio Grande Valley

Scott M. Tschirhart - Austin

T. Daniel Santee - San Antonio

The ownership interests vary among the principals/shareholders.

The four office locations are:

San Antonio Office: 2517 North Main Avenue San Antonio, Texas 78212 Phone (210) 227-3243 Fax (210) 227-4481

Austin Office: 2500 West William Cannon Drive, Suite 609 Austin, Texas 78745 Phone (512) 279-6431 Fax (512) 279-6438

Rio Grande Valley Office: 701 East Harrison, Suite 100 Harlingen, Texas 78550 Phone (956) 421-4904 Fax (956) 421-3621 Texas Gulf Coast: 549 North Egret Bay Boulevard Galveston, Texas 77573 Phone (832) 632-2102

Firm Website: www.rampagelaw.com

The Firm specializes in the practice of public entity law and was established as a professional corporation by Lowell F. Denton in June of 1990.

Former Firm names are as follows:

Denton & McKamie, P.C.
Denton, McKamie & Navarro, P.C.
Denton & Navarro, P.C.
Denton, Navarro & Bernal, P.C.
Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C.
Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal, Hyde & Zech, P.C.

The San Antonio office submits our Response to the Request for Qualifications to the SAHT. Clarissa M. Rodriguez will be the Firm's primary authorized representative attorney assigned to provide General Counsel services for SAHT. As the attorney with knowledge of this Response to the Request for Qualifications submittal, Ms. Rodriguez's contact information is: address 2517 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212; phone (210) 227-3243; fax (210) 225-4481; and email cmrodriguez@rampagelaw.com.

2. Key Personnel

The Legal Firm shall provide a resume for key personnel that will be assigned to the Trust. The information for each individual must include the following: Name, Area(s) of Expertise, Years of Experience, and Professional Licenses(s). Provide documentation that attorneys are in good standing with the State Bar of Texas

RESPONSE:

All attorneys in the Firm are licensed and eligible to practice in the State of Texas. Tab E displays information for key personnel retrieved from the Texas State Bar website.

Below are the resumes of the key personnel anticipated to be assigned to perform legal services for the SAHT. The resumes contain the names, areas of expertise, years of experience, and professional licenses.

The resumes included in this response consist of Clarissa M. Rodriguez, Patrick C. Bernal, T. Daniel Santee, Megan R. Santee, Roxana P. Stevens, Cynthia X. Trevino, and Matthew J. Longoria.

CLARISSA M. RODRIGUEZ

Clarissa M. Rodriguez is a Partner/Shareholder. She joined the Firm in 2008, and her litigation practice involves employment issues, defense of Public Facility Corporations and housing authorities, land use, premises liability, personal injury, and constitutional issues. Ms. Rodriguez is experienced in representing municipalities and housing authorities as City Attorney or General Counsel including litigation matters. She also has experience in police and fire civil service issues. Ms. Rodriguez has been practicing law since 2006 and has been practicing Municipal Law since 2008.

Areas of Practice

City Attorney/General Counsel

Civil Appeals - State and Federal Courts

Civil Rights Litigation/Constitutional Litigation

Including §1983, excessive force, takings, First Amendment, Due Process, etc.

Civil Trial – State and Federal Courts

Development Agreements

Economic Development

Labor and Employment Litigation

Including Title VII, Whistleblower, ADAAA, FLSA, etc.

Land Use, Annexation, and Code Compliance Litigation

Including zoning, vested rights, etc.

Municipal Incorporation Litigation

Municipal Prosecution

Ordinance Drafting

Special Counsel Projects

Texas Tort Claims Act Litigation

Texas Public Information Act Housing Authorities/Public Facility Corporations

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2006

State Bar No. 24056222

U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas, 2009

U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, 2007

U.S. Court of Appeals - Fifth Circuit, 2011

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

2008 to Present

Partner/Shareholder. Assists with the representation of clients in State and Federal litigation matters in civil defense litigation, including motions and pleadings, discovery and depositions for governmental entities, representation of municipalities, economic development corporations, and counties as City Attorney and General Counsel. Research legislation, statutes, performs statutory interpretation, and assists with negotiations in municipal and state government relations in lobbying for municipal and governmental entities.

Shelton and Valadez, P.C.

2006 - 2008

Associate attorney. Assisted with representation of clients in State and Federal trial and arbitration matters in a wide range of commercial, work injury, and civil defense litigation disputes. Extensive written discovery, depositions, and motion practice experience, including appearances in State and Federal trial courts. Researched statutes, performed statutory interpretation, contract interpretation, and assisted with negotiations in municipal and state government relations for multiple clients within the law firm.

Denton, Navarro, Rocha, and Bernal, P.C.

2004 and 2005

Summer Law Clerk. Served as a law clerk during law school. Analyzed and drafted memoranda regarding employment law, 11th Amendment, sovereign, and official immunity, premises liability, and civil procedure issues.

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association International Municipal Lawyers Association San Antonio Bar Association State Bar of Texas Texas City Attorneys Association

Education

Drake University School of Law, Des Moines, Iowa Juris Doctor – 2006 Legislative Practice Certificate – 2006

The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas Master of Public Administration – 2001

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas Bachelor of Arts – 1998

PATRICK C. BERNAL

Patrick C. Bernal is a Partner/Shareholder of the Firm since 2001. He practices primarily in the areas of municipal law and litigation. Mr. Bernal has practiced civil trial law in the area of local government defense since joining the Firm in 1991. He handles a variety of cases ranging from employment law, land use, annexation, flooding, civil rights, torts, contracts, personal injury, and property damage claims in State and Federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Bernal has been practicing law since 1983.

Areas of Practice

Civil Appeals – State and Federal Court

Civil Rights Litigation/Constitutional Litigation

Includes §1983, excessive force, takings, First Amendment, Due Process, etc.

Civil Trial - State and Federal Court

Labor and Employment Litigation

Including Title VII, Whistleblower, ADA, FLSA, etc.

Land Use, Annexation, and Code Compliance Litigation

Including zoning, vested rights, etc.

Texas Tort Claims Act Litigation

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1983

State Bar No. 02208750

U.S. District Court Western District of Texas. 1989

U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas, 2002

U.S. Court of Appeals - Fifth Circuit, 1994

Texas Supreme Court, 1983

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

1991 to Present

Partner/Shareholder. Specializing in the representation of governmental entities in practice areas listed above. Complex litigation in State and Federal courts, including the Western and Southern Districts of Texas, and appellate federal and state courts. Administrative proceedings before the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC), Texas Work Force Commission on employment discrimination matters and unemployment benefits, and other state and federal agency matters. General Counsel representation of public entities, including attending meetings of governing bodies, handling general legal matters, and investigations of personnel matters.

Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams

1988 - 1991

Litigation involving the collection of *ad valorem* property taxes in State and Federal bankruptcy courts. Also, represented governmental entities in general litigation matters in practice areas listed above.

City of San Antonio 1983 - 1988

General Counsel representation as an Assistant City Attorney, providing legal advice to numerous city departments covering a broad range of topics.

Professional Associations and Memberships

Fifth Circuit Bar Association International Municipal Lawyers Association San Antonio Bar Association State Bar of Texas Texas City Attorneys Association

Education

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas Juris Doctor – 1983

The University of Texas, Austin, Texas Master of Public Affairs – 1983

Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas Bachelor of Arts – 1979

T. DANIEL "DAN" SANTEE, II

T. Daniel Santee, II is a Partner/Shareholder. He joined the Firm in 2015 and handles City Attorney and General Counsel matters. Mr. Santee has experience in municipal land use and economic development and has provided advice and guidance to numerous boards, commissions, and departments. He has drafted ordinances and code provisions, as well as development agreements. Mr. Santee has practiced law since 1995 and has 22 years of municipal legal experience and 20 years of economic development legal experience. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as the City Attorney for the City of Abilene. Mr. Santee holds merit certification in Municipal Law.

Areas of Practice

Charter Review
City Attorney/General Counsel
Development Agreements
Economic Development
Land Use and Annexation
Open Meetings and Public Information
Ordinance Drafting
Real Estate Transactions
Special Counsel Projects
Texas Public Information Act

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1995

State Bar No. 00792816

U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas, 1998

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

2015 to Present

Partner/Shareholder of the City Attorney practice in the San Antonio office. Handles City Attorney, Special Counsel, and General Counsel matters.

City of Abilene

1997 - 2015

City Attorney (2007-2015) Interim City Attorney (2006-2007) First Assistant City Attorney (2002-2006) Assistant City Attorney (1997-2002). As City Attorney, handled every aspect of legal representation for the City with a staff of four attorneys and three paralegals. Direct legal advisor for the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Airport Development Board, and Development Corporation of Abilene. While serving in the capacity of Assistant City Attorney and then First Assistant City Attorney, Mr. Santee prosecuted cases in municipal court, litigated civil cases in State and Federal court, engaged in civil service negotiations, and handled civil service disciplinary appeals, as well as all briefing on requests under the Public Information Act. Also served as legal advisor to the Police and Fire Departments, Parks and Recreation Department, and Planning and Development Services Department.

Hardin-Simmons University /Cisco Junior College

Trinity Valley Community College

1997 - 2015

Adjunct Professor. Taught criminal justice, state and local government, federal government, and public administration.

Henderson County

1995 - 1997

Assistant County Attorney. Handled misdemeanor and juvenile prosecution, emergency commitments, and civil litigation; advised the Henderson County Commissioners Court and County Departments on legal matters.

Professional Associations and Memberships

Baylor Alumni Association – Life Member Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity Fifth Federal Circuit Bar Association International Municipal Lawyers Association San Antonio Bar Association St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association State Bar of Texas Tau Delta Epsilon Christian Service Fraternity Texas City Attorneys Association

Education

St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas Juris Doctor – 1994

MEGAN R. SANTEE

Megan R. Santee is a Senior Associate attorney. She joined the Firm in 2016 and handles General Counsel work advising cities and other local governmental entities on employment, as well as planning and land use issues. Prior to joining the Firm, Mrs. Santee served as the Assistant Director of Planning and Community Services, Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects, and Director of Public Works for the City of Abilene. She also represented the Abilene Housing Authority in a General Counsel capacity. Mrs. Santee has been practicing municipal law for over 20 years.

Areas of Practice

City Attorney/General Counsel

Civil Appeals - State and Federal Courts

Civil Rights Litigation/Constitutional Litigation

Including §1983, excessive force, takings, First Amendment, Due Process, etc.

Construction Litigation

Development Agreements

Labor and Employment Litigation

Including Title VII, Whistleblower, ADA, FLSA, etc.

Land Use, Annexation, and Code Compliance Litigation

Including zoning, vested rights, etc.

Municipal Court Prosecution

Open Meetings and Public Information

Ordinance Drafting

Real Estate Transactions

Texas Public Information Act

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1997

State Bar No. 24002893

U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas, 2000

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

2016 to Present

Senior Associate attorney. Assists with the representation of municipalities, economic development corporations, and counties as City Attorney and General Counsel. Assists with the representation of clients in State and Federal litigation matters in civil defense litigation, including discovery and depositions for governmental entities.

City of Abilene	2009 - 2015
Director of Public Works	
Assistant Director of Planning and Community Services and	2007 - 2009
Assistant to the City Manager for Special Projects	
Assistant City Attorney	2000 - 2007

Research and Writing Consultant, Abilene, Texas	2000 - 2011
Law Office of Loren Williams, Albany, Texas Associate	1998 - 2000
Eleventh District Court of Appeals, Eastland, Texas Briefing Attorney	1997 - 1998

Professional Associations and Memberships

State Bar of Texas Texas City Attorney Association

Education

Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas Certified Public Manager – June 2011

Texas A&M University of Law School (Texan Wesleyan University School of Law) Juris Doctor – 1997

South Texas College of Law 1994 - 1995

Baylor University
Bachelor of Arts – 1991

ROXANA PEREZ STEVENS

Roxana Perez Stevens is an Associate attorney for the Firm. She joined the Firm in 2020 and handles general counsel and litigation matters. Mrs. Stevens earned her Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Mary's University in 1998, and her Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2002. She was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2002 and has over 18 years of experience as a litigator and over 11 years of experience as a municipal attorney. Mrs. Stevens is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas. She has experience in civil litigation, appeals, local government and municipal law, tort law, labor and employment law, civil rights, Texas Public Information Act, Texas Open Meetings Act, general counsel, human resource investigations, administrative hearings, and arbitrations.

Areas of Practice

Arbitration: Contract and Discipline – Public Sector City Attorney/General Counsel Civil Appeals – State and Federal Courts Civil Litigation – State and Federal Courts Civil Rights Litigation/Constitutional Litigation Civil Service Law – Municipal and County

Civil Trial - State and Federal Courts

Collective Bargaining and Civil Service

Employment Law

General Counsel - Governmental Entities

General Counsel Advisory Work – All Entities

General Litigation Representing Governmental Entities

Labor & Employment Litigation

Including Human Resources, Policies, Civil Rights, EEOC, TWC

Land Use, Annexation, and Code Compliance Litigation

Municipal Civil Service

Police Legal Advisor

Public Sector Labor Negotiation and Contract Arbitration

Special Counsel Projects

Texas Public Information Act – Open Records

Texas Tort Claims Act Litigation

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2002

State Bar No. 24037264

U.S District Court Southern District of Texas, 2007

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

2020 to Present

Associate attorney. Assists with the representation of municipalities, economic development corporations, and counties. Assists with the representation of clients in State and Federal litigation matters in civil defense litigation for governmental entities.

The Knight Law Firm.

2018 to Present

Litigation attorney

The City of Corpus Christi,

2011 - 2018

Full Time Supervising Assistant City Attorney, Attorney III (Senior Attorney)

Law Office of Roxana I. Perez Stevens

2013 - 2018

Outside Counsel for the Port of Corpus Christi

Huseman and Stewart, L.L.P.

2013

Senior attorney

Mckibben, Woolsey and Villarreal, L.L.P.

2010 - 2011

Senior Associate attorney

Law Office of Ralph M. Rodriguez

2009 - 2010

Senior Associate attorney

Chaves, Resendez and Rivero, L.L.P. Senior Associate attorney	2006 – 2009
Gonzales Hoblit and Ferguson LLP (formally Chaves, Gonzales and Hoblit, LLP) Associate attorney – Senior Associate attorney	2003 – 2006
Law Offices of Luis R. Vera, Jr. and Associates, P.C Associate attorney - 2002 – 2003; Law Clerk - 2002	2002–2003
United States District Judge Orlando Garcia Judicial Clerkship	2002

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association
Coastal Bend Women's Law Association
Corpus Christi Bar Association
Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association
National Public Employers Labor Relations Association
State Bar of Texas
Texas City Attorneys Association
Texas Labor Management Association

Education

St. Mary's University, School of Law, San Antonio, Texas Juris Doctorate – 2002

St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas
Bachelor of Business Administration, International Business – 1998

CYNTHIA X. TREVINO

Cynthia X. Trevino is an Associate attorney. Mrs. Trevino joined the Firm in 2014 and handles representation of municipalities, economic development corporations, and counties as City Attorney and General Counsel. Mrs. Trevino has been practicing Municipal Law since 2014.

Areas of Practice

City Attorney/General Counsel
Development Agreements
Economic Development
Municipal Court Prosecution
Open Meetings Act
Ordinance Drafting
Special Counsel Projects
Texas Public Information Act

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2013 U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, 2015 State Bar No. 24088546

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

2014 to Present

Associate attorney. Handles Municipal Prosecution, City Attorney, and General Counsel matters for the Firm. Assists with the representation of clients in State and Federal litigation matters in civil defense litigation for governmental entities.

The Smeberg Law Firm, PLLC

2013 - 2014

Law Clerk/Associate attorney. Assisted with all stages of litigation. Negotiated and prepared commercial lease documents and post-judgment agreements; drafted bankruptcy adversary pleadings, claim objections, and various motions and orders for relief; drafted and responded to discovery requests; researched application of various state laws to bankruptcy proceedings; prepared wills and related estate planning documents.

St. Mary's University School of Law

2012 - 2013

Center for Terrorism Law San Antonio, Texas Research Fellow. Researched issues related to terrorism, counterterrorism, and cybersecurity; edited sections of Terrorism Law textbook, law review articles, and newsletter; worked on and edited legal briefings for judicial and non-judicial proceedings provided pro-bono support for military service members wrongfully accused of misconduct in the performance of their duties.

City of Jourdanton

2005 - 2009

City Secretary. Prepared City Council, Commission, and Board meeting agendas and minutes; drafted city ordinances and resolutions; coordinated a comprehensive records management program; coordinated and administered all phases of city elections; served as a tax collector; researched assignments as required for completion of Economic Development Program and USDA grant projects; responded to Texas Public Information Act requests; supervised utility billing department.

Professional Associations and Memberships

Bexar County Women's Bar Association San Antonio Bar Association State Bar of Texas Texas City Attorneys Association

Education

St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas Juris Doctor, 2013

Texas A&M – San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas Bachelor of Arts, 2009

MATTHEW J. LONGORIA

Matthew J. Longoria is an Associate attorney. He joined the Firm in 2019 and handles litigation, appeals, municipal law, Texas Public Information Act, Open Meetings Act, ordinance and resolution drafting, and municipal prosecution. Mr. Longoria has been practicing law since 2019.

Areas of Practice

City Attorney/General Counsel
Civil Appeals – State and Federal
Civil Litigation – State and Federal Court
Municipal Court Prosecution
Open Meetings and Public Information
Ordinance and Resolution Drafting
Texas Public Information Act – Open Records
Zoning

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2019 U.S District Court Southern District of Texas, 2020 State Bar No. 24087035

Employment Experience

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C.

2017 to Present

Associate attorney (2019-Present)

Law Clerk (2017-2019)

Associate attorney. Prosecution of Class C misdemeanors; counsel and advisor to municipalities and other local governmental entities on ordinance issues; defense of injury claims, employment claims, land use claims; handling of electronic discovery. Conducted legal research on dynamic employment, land use, and injury issues including TTCA, HIPPA, and discrimination and harassment claims made pursuant to Title VII, ADEA, ADA, and state laws.

Center for Legal and Social Justice

2015 - 2016

Student Attorney. Represented landowners in complex, consumer law litigation; conducted legal research and analyzed the Truth in Lending Act and claims made pursuant to state constitutional violations.

Kangxin Partners, P.C.

2014

Summer Intern. Analyzed trademark and copyright discovery reports for potential infringements; reviewed trademark classes and aided in securing registration; prepared a copyright workshop and made a presentation for law firm panel.

Professional Associations and Memberships

San Antonio Bar Association San Antonio Young Lawyers Association State Bar of Texas Texas City Attorneys Association

Texas Young Lawyers Association

Education

St Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas Juris Doctor – 2016

Beihang University Institute on Chinese Law and Business, Beijing, China Study Abroad Program - 2014

University of California, Santa Cruz, California Bachelor of Arts - 2008

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3. Resource Utilization Plan

Workload Status Based on the Legal Firm's current workload and staffing, indicating the current percentage of capacity at which the Firm is operating. Indicate the current backlog (if any) of key personnel assignments in months.

RESPONSE:

At present, DNRB&Z is an 18-attorney, four Of Counsel law Firm, with four office locations called upon geographically to serve communities throughout the State of Texas, including every major metropolitan area. Each office is equipped with a team of legal support staff to assist with the attorney's workload and any other administrative objectives. All matters are assigned to a specific team composed of a minimum of one Partner, Associate, Paralegal and Legal Secretary that have perfected a consistent method of assisting clients. The Firm takes a collaborative approach to serving clients, using resources and knowledge from all of our attorneys as appropriate for any particular matter where they may have expertise.

The Firm has a clear understanding of the scope of services and the tasks that are required to provide the SAHT with the best quality representation based on its history and current representation. Our success and continuous client satisfaction is reflected in our ability to acknowledge the task given within 24 hours, work with staff to ensure that the assignment is timely provided and understand and recognize tasks or review items per the entity's calendar. We will continue to maintain efficient time standards while working with the staff to effectively produce client satisfaction and desired results. The Firm's depth of attorneys includes experienced former city secretaries, public works directors, housing authority directors, and in-house city attorneys.

We can proudly disclose that all key personnel assignments in which we attend to have no current backlog.

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4. Experience and Qualifications

The Legal Firm shall list examples of the Firm's record and experience related to the submitted Scope of Services.

RESPONSE:

We believe that the Firm has a comprehensive understanding of the scope of work outlined in the General Counsel section of the Request for Qualifications.

Provide legal advice, counsel, consultation, and assistance on a continuing basis, as needed, to the Executive Director, Boards of the Trust entities, and management, on a wide variety of non-profit and public corporation organizational needs including but not limited to human resources, state/federal laws, contract law, public disclosures, real estate law, and purchasing/procurement.

The Firm provides legal advice and assistance to local government entities, their employees, and officials in just about every conceivable area of activity. Our experience and abilities often place the Firm in a position to provide prompt and thorough responses to initial inquiries to assist in the recognition of potential liabilities and the reduction of risk. To that extent, we provide the following general overview of our expertise for each scope of service requirement:

Experience with Governmental Entities, Boards and Commissions: Because the Firm represents only governmental entities, every lawyer in our Firm has experience in dealing with the various boards and commissions that exist within local government entities.

Agreements/Contracts: The Firm has a depth of experience in the negotiation, drafting, and review of numerous types of contracts including water supply agreements, interlocal agreements, water lease agreements, utility construction agreements, economic development agreements, contracts for the sale of goods and services, such as architectural and engineering services, independent contractor agreements and information technology services, franchise agreements, easement and rights-of-way access agreements, real estate purchase/sale agreements, and many others. Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Santee have extensive experience in Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications in the general counsel capacity and have solicited, negotiated, and drafted the terms of the agreements. Several attorneys in the Firm have negotiated multiple types of contracts to include contracts for placement of Wi-Fi in a community, franchise agreements for use of streets and other rights-of-way, multitudes of economic development and other development agreements, and routine purchasing and competitive bid negotiations.

Human Resources/Personnel Law: Where the area of personnel is concerned, we are regularly called upon by the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool to protect and defend municipalities and their officials in everything from employment claims resulting from EEOC investigations to state and federal employment and civil rights claims. Ms. Rodriguez has substantial experience in human resources and employment

acting as an advisor for local governments on the hiring, discipline, and termination of government employees, and drafting and revising personnel policies and handbooks.

Purchasing and Procurement: The Firm has a history of experience advising and making presentations at conferences on all aspects of bidding and procurement. DNRB&Z recently presented on this area of law and best practices for the variety of options available. Additionally, Mrs. Santee served as a Director of Public Works who dealt with bidding and procurement for large-scale projects with insight and the same perspective as your employees.

Real Property: Various attorneys of DNRB&Z have extensive experience with real estate and condemnation issues, platting and zoning, including representing City Councils and Planning and Zoning Commissions, as well as Boards of Adjustments. Mr. Denton successfully represented the City of San Marcos in a challenge to various Planned Development Districts within the City. Mr. Denton also successfully defeated a challenge brought by a local church attempting to hold the City of Boerne's Zoning Ordinance invalid under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. The Firm handles matters involving the acquisition of real property rights and disputes regarding real property prior to statutory offerings in eminent domain proceedings.

In our practice, we handle numerous real estate issues, including purchases and sale of real property, leases, eviction proceedings, economic development contracts, and acquisition of rights-of-ways and easements. The Firm's attorneys have experience in negotiating, reviewing, writing, and/or amending real estate transactions. This includes multiple purchases of real property. The Firm's attorneys regularly draft and negotiate parks and recreation building leases, convention center space, cell tower placement, utility placement, and many others.

Create, update and review loan documents and agreements, real estate contracts, program guidelines, policy documents, Board resolutions, and other documents pertaining to all operations of the Trust entities.

Ordinances and Resolutions: Attorneys in the Firm have experience with drafting, updating, amending, or creating new ordinances or resolutions, legislative findings, incorporation of code provisions, and codification based on city council direction and policy decisions. They also have experience in an extensive scope of topics, including but not limited to budget amendments, rental property registration, stormwater ordinances, sexually-oriented business ordinances, subdivision regulation ordinances, zoning ordinances, and many others, to include Interlocal Agreements.

Real Estate Matters: Our attorneys have handled real estate transactions for governmental entities. On behalf of the City of College Station, Mr. Denton successfully handled the acquisition of major water infrastructure sites and other real property to acquire and develop the City's water assets. He has also handled the acquisition of land on behalf of the City of Laredo necessary for the City's Airport expansion. Many of the Firm's attorneys have extensive experience with platting and zoning, including representing governmental

entities. During Mr. Santee's 18 years as an attorney for the City of Abilene he represented the City's Planning & Zoning Commission. Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Santee both have experience in matters related to zoning. Mrs. Trevino has represented several governmental entities in land use and real estate procurement matters.

Advise the Trust on legal feasibility of financing programs, loan programs, and other programs as to compliance with local, state, and federal law or proposed revisions to the applicable laws.

Economic Development: Because of our Firm's active participation in professional organizations like the Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA), the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA), and the San Antonio Bar Association (SABA), we are always current in the ever-changing landscape of local government law at both the state and federal level and how these changes may affect our clients. As General Counsel for Development Corporations and in our role as City Attorneys and Special Project counsel, our Firm helps negotiate and draft numerous incentive agreements, industrial district agreements, tax abatements, and other economic development packages all of which are vital to supporting a municipality's tax base. In this context, the Firm is well versed in the areas of tax increment financing, tax abatements, hotel occupancy tax, reinvestment ones, 380 agreements, development agreements, industrial districts, and other alternative urban renewal and economic development laws and projects. The Firm successfully transitioned the Cities of Sweetwater and Pharr from Type A Economic Development Corporations to Municipal Development Districts (MDD), guiding these governmental entities through the dual election process so that the MDD could include the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). These were the first two governmental entities to accomplish that type of transition.

As General Counsel for Development Corporations and in our role as Special Counsel, our Firm helps negotiate and draft numerous incentive agreements, industrial district agreements, tax abatements, and other economic development packages, all of which are vital to supporting a municipality's tax base. In this context, we are well versed in the areas of tax increment financing, tax abatements, hotel occupancy tax, reinvestment zones, 380 agreements, development agreements, industrial districts, and other alternative urban renewal and economic development laws and projects.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ): Mr. Santee was the legal advisor for two TIRZ boards in Abilene, successfully overseeing the wind-down of one and the creation of the second. DNRB&Z serves as the advisor for the cities of Pflugerville, Robstown, and Schertz TIRZ Boards. The Firm advises numerous cities on TIRZ related issues and is well equipped to handle any legal matters that might arise in this area.

Identify legal issues or obstacles in the execution, improvement, and or modification of the Trust's operations.

The Firm, if selected, will spend several days, at no cost to the SAHT, reviewing the operations with all the departments, to evaluate the areas for improvement or modifications

necessary. This will allow for a smooth transition. This will allow an opportunity for the Firm and the SAHT to develop the necessary working relationships, and most importantly, determine where the operational needs can be improved on the legal side to improve efficiency and effective delivery of the SAHT functions.

Attend all Board meetings of the Trust entities and other meetings as requested.

Open Government: Our attorneys are very familiar with both Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act, and deal with questions from governmental entities and their Boards & Commissions daily regarding compliance.

The Firm routinely counsels governmental entities on issues relating to the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act. Our attorneys and paralegals are experienced in handling requests for public information, meeting statutory deadlines associated with those requests, and advocating before the Office of the Texas Attorney General. The Firm has developed procedures and processes to streamline and assist clients with efficient legal compliance and responding to these requests.

Special Counsel for Board Members: Our attorneys counsel executive management and staff to prepare for Board meetings. This means assisting elected and appointed officials and their boards and commissions with agendas and postings under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Agenda review and preparation in anticipation of a meeting is a routine aspect of general counsel legal services.

Service is generally coordinated with the client to best create an approach that works for the individual client. Attending Board meetings of the SAHT or other important meetings as required will be assigned to Clarissa M. Rodriguez. If Ms. Rodriguez is not available, the SAHT will be notified immediately, and T. Daniel Santee, Cynthia X. Trevino, or Matthew J. Longoria will attend the meeting.

Represent the Trust entities on legal matters and in litigation matters.

Litigation: Our litigation attorneys possess a long history of experience with the Tort Claims Act and labor law matters filed against governmental entities. We are retained directly by public entities to defend employment, personal injury, and property damage claims, and routinely defend governmental clients through assignment by the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, the Housing Authority Insurance Group, the Texas Association of Counties, and JI Companies to represent its member entities and their officials. This experience includes a strategic motion practice to address jurisdictional issues typically through a plea to the jurisdiction that may bar claims based on the failure to waive immunity, usually related to notice, the election of remedies, and background facts demonstrating that the suit is outside the specific waiver of immunity under the Tort Claims Act. From the outset of a case, we focus on developing a strong record to address a matter on appeal if necessary. Our experience involves thoughtful approaches to potential settlement to pose to the client as an option if the circumstances warrant that approach.

Public Facility Corporations (PFC's) are entitled to sovereign immunity under the Texas Tort Claims Act. As an example, below are two such cases in which our Firm has successfully represented PFC's.

Velasquez v. Woodhill PFC, et al

On July 13, 2016, San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) was dispatched to the Woodhill Apartments located in San Antonio, Texas, at approximately 11:00 p.m. for a shooting. James Norwood, a licensed uniformed security officer working for Texas Lawman, was performing security for Orion Real Estate Services (Orion) at the Woodhill Apartments owned by Woodhill Public Facility Corporation ("Woodhill PFC" or "PFC"). Norwood noticed the Plaintiff on the premises drinking alcohol in violation of apartment rules. When Norwood approached Velasquez at the swimming pool and asked him to leave, a struggle ensued and Velasquez assaulted Norwood. SAPD arrived and secured Velasquez. In October 2016. Plaintiff Velasquez filed suit asserting negligence and violations of Fourth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments along with medical damages for which the PFC was immune under the Tort Claims Act. The agreement between Texas Lawman and Orion is signed by an "Agent" for the Owner of the property, which is Woodhill PFC. There is no privity of contract between Woodhill PFC and Texas Lawman. This omission was used as a defense to Plaintiff's negligence and other claims since Orion is an independent contractor under its contract with Woodhill PFC. We filed a 12(b) Motion to Dismiss on behalf of Defendant Woodhill PFC filed which was granted by the Court. This permitted Plaintiff to file an amended complaint to establish constitutional claims against Norwood. Plaintiff failed to file an amended complaint within the allotted time. The Court dismissed the remaining claims in the case on July 24, 2017.

Starlings v. San Antonio River Authority, et al

Mr. Starlings was injured on October 25, 2013, while riding his bicycle at the boat dock on the Riverwalk near the intersection of Newell and Camden, in San Antonio, that evening. Plaintiff claimed he ran into a chain strung across the exit/entrance way with no warning sign. His bike flipped over and he sustained injuries to his face. Plaintiff filed his lawsuit against City of San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority ("SARA") and the San Antonio River Authority Public Finance Corporation ("SARAPFC") on September 24, 2015. Plaintiff asserted Defendants' failure to maintain the subject thoroughfare in a safe condition to the walking and riding public constitutes negligence and gross negligence. The limited waiver of immunity in this case is Texas Tort Claims Act (TTCA) section 101.021(1), which waives sovereign immunity for incidents that involve (1) property damage, personal injury, or death arising from the negligent operation or use of a motordriven vehicle or motor-driven equipment by an employee; or (2) personal injury or death caused by a condition or use of tangible personal property or real property. Plaintiff was riding a bicycle at the time of the occurrence; thus, the Texas Recreational Use Statute (RUS) applied. Defendants SARA and SARAPFC filed a Plea to the Jurisdiction which was granted on December 20, 2016. Plaintiff did not file an appeal.

To round out our experience, we are proud to share that a Westlaw case search reveals over 200 appellate and federal court decisions currently available where lawyers of our Firm zealously represented local governments.

Public Law: Our attorneys have advised governmental entities in numerous areas of public law including litigation, contracts, franchise agreements, regulatory takings claims, labor and employment practices, open meetings/open records, bidding and contracting, and property rights issues. Our Firm represents public entities in litigation and pre-litigation defense in claims under personal injury and death claims, state and federal constitutional issues, civil rights, voting rights issues, public official liability, religious freedom, and collective bargaining/meet and confer negotiations with Public Employee Unions. The attorneys of our Firm are familiar with legal issues and the cost constraints facing the SAHT by having represented similar entities. Some of these entities include Public Facility Corporations, San Antonio Housing Authority, Carrizo Springs Housing Authority, Dilley Housing Authority, Eagle Pass Housing Authority, El Paso Housing Authority, Seguin Housing Authority, and Nixon Housing Authority. We represented these housing authorities in employment, contract, tort, and Fair Housing Act litigation.

We have represented San Antonio entities in various legal proceedings since 1993. These legal matters included claims relating to personal injury suits, premises liability, Fair Housing Act, breach of contract, employment discrimination, and retaliation. In the context of affiliated non-profit disputes, the Firm worked extensively with officials from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Attorney's Office, in the local, regional, and Washington D.C. offices.

Advise and/or represent the Trust entities regarding legislative matters.

The Firm regularly attends to and tracks legislation on a state and federal level. After every bi-annual state legislative session, the Firm evaluates and tracks changes that affect governmental entities and provides a summary to its clients. The Firm also assists with implementation of the relevant changes needed based on amendments to the statutes or other laws. DNRB&Z and Alamo Area Council of Government host an annual legislative presentation regarding legislation impacting governmental entities.

5. References

Provide at least three references. References must include: Name & Location, Legal Firm's role and responsibility. Project description and reference phone contact information.

RESPONSE:

We have listed the three client references for the San Antonio office as follows:

Seguin Housing Authority 516 Jefferson Avenue Seguin, Texas 78155 Attn: Brenda Edwards, Executive Director (830) 303-2010

San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther San Antonio, Texas 78204 Attn: Allison Elder, Director of Legal Services (210) 302-3229

Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP) P.O. Box 149194 Austin, Texas 78714 Attn: Charles "Bo" Joseph, General Counsel (512) 491-2300

For the references listed, the Firm acts as counsel for employment and other litigation matters, EEOC Investigations, real estate matters, as well as all other tasked assignments.

6. Claims/Performance/Insurance/Bonding

If the Legal Firm is currently involved in litigation or arbitration based on its work, briefly describe the nature of the claim.

If the Legal Firm has ever been terminated from an assignment for non- performance, please briefly explain.

Is the Legal Firm currently carrying General Liability, Workers Compensation, Professional Liability and Errors and Omissions insurance, and will it continue to carry such insurance for the duration of the contract term?

RESPONSE:

Based on our current representation, the Firm is not involved in any litigation or arbitration.

Our Firm is proud to disclose that it has never been terminated from an assignment due to non-performance.

We carry General Liability, Commercial Automobile, Workers Compensation, Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions insurance. Additional insurance details are noted in Section B of this response. We agree to maintain coverage as stated in the SAHT Request for Qualifications.

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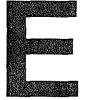
7. Minority and Woman Owned Business

Provide documentation that the law-firm is a minority or women-owned business enterprise and/or will have the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of the Trust Contract.

RESPONSE:

The Firm possesses a South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (SCTRCA) certification. We have met the requirements of the SCTRCA for the Small, Minority, Women and Veteran Business Enterprise program since 1992 and have held our certification to date. Our certificate number is 219109197 and in accordance with the agency's requirements, we provide the following services, NAICS 541110: Offices of Lawyers & NAICS 541199: All Other Legal Services.

Apart from that, the Firm routinely utilizes the services of small, minority and women-owned business enterprises in the context of legal support services.



E. Texas State Bar Good Standing Documentation

Provide documentation that attorneys are in good standing with the State Bar of Texas.

RESPONSE:

All attorneys in the Firm are licensed and eligible to practice in the State of Texas. Provided in Tab E of this Response to Request for Qualifications is documentation from the Texas State Bar website for each key personnel that will be assigned to the SAHT.





MS. CLARISSA M. RODRIGUEZ

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 24056222 **TX License Date**: 11/03/2006

Primary Practice Location: San Antonio , Texas

2517 N Main Ave

San Antonio, TX 78212-4685

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: 210-227-3243 📞

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative, Insurance, Labor-Employment, Litigation: Personal Injury

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 06/19/2020

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Private Law Practice

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative, Insurance, Labor-

Employment, Litigation: Personal Injury

Services Provided:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Translation: Not Specified ADA-accessible client service: Not Specified Language translation: Not Specified

Fee Options Provided:
None Reported By Attorney

COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Texas Southern District/Bankruptcy Court Texas Western District Court

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed: None Reported By Attorney

Please note: This information is self-reported by

Foreign Language Assistance:

Spanish

LAW SCHOOL

School
Degree earned
Drake University

Doctor of Jurisprudence/Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Graduation Date 05/2006

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

Other States

None Reported By Attorney

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MR. PATRICK CHARLES 'PAT' BERNAL

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 02208750 **TX License Date:** 11/04/1983

Primary Practice Location: San Antonio, Texas

2517 N Main Ave

San Antonio, TX 78212-4685

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: 210-227-3243 📞

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative, Labor-Employment

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 06/11/2020

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Private Law Practice

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative, Labor-Employment

Services Provided:

None Reported By Attorney

Fee Options Provided: 🔞

None Reported By Attorney

Please note: Not all payment options are available for all cases, and any payment arrangement must be agreed upon by the attorney and his/her

COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Texas Southern District/Bankruptcy Court

Texas Western District Court

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed:

None Reported By Attorney

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Foreign Language Assistance:

Spanish

LAW SCHOOL

School Degree earned	
University of Texa	S
Graduation Date	05/1983
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PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

NO PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Other States
None Reported By Attorney

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MR. THOMAS DANIEL 'DAN' SANTEE II

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 00792816 **TX License Date:** 05/05/1995

Primary Practice Location: San Antonio, Texas

2517 N Main Ave

San Antonio, TX 78212-4685

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: 210-227-3243 📞

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 10/02/2019

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Government Lawyer

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative

Services Provided:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Translation: Not Specified ADA-accessible client service: Not Specified

Language translation: Not Specified

Fee Options Provided:
None Reported By Attorney

COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Texas Northern District Court

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed: None Reported By Attorney

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Foreign	Language	Assistance:

Spanish

LAW SCHOOL

School Degree earned

St. Mary's University

Graduation Date 12/1994

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

Other States

None Reported By Attorney

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MS. MEGAN ROBBINS SANTEE

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 24002893 **TX License Date:** 11/07/1997

Primary Practice Location: Austin, Texas

2500 W. William Cannon, Suite 609

Austin, TX 78745

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: 512-279-6431 📞

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative, Appellate: Civil

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 05/24/2021

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Private Law Practice

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative, Appellate: Civil

Services Provided:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Translation: Not Specified ADA-accessible client service: Not Specified Language translation: Not Specified

Fee Options Provided:
None Reported By Attorney

COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

Texas Northern District Court

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed:

None Reported By Attorney

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Foreign Language Assistance:

None Reported By Attorney

LAW SCHOOL

School
Degree earned
Texas Wesleyan University
Graduation Date 05/1997

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

Other States

None Reported By Attorney

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MS. ROXANA ISABEL 'ROXY' PEREZ

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON, NAVARRO, ROCHA, BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 24037264 **TX License Date**: 11/06/2002

Primary Practice Location: San Antonio, Texas

2517 North Main San Antonio, TX 78212 CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: 210-227-3243 📞

Practice Areas: Administrative and Public, Business, Government/Administrative, Insurance, Labor-Employment, Litigation: Commercial, Litigation: Personal Injury, Law Office Management, Oil, Gas and Energy Resources, Other, Appellate: Civil

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 03/02/2021

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Government Lawyer

Practice Areas: Administrative and Public, Business,

Government/Administrative, Insurance, Labor-Employment, Litigation: Commercial, Litigation: Personal Injury, Law Office Management, Oil, Gas

and Energy Resources, Other, Appellate: Civil

Services Provided:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Translation: Not Specified ADA-accessible client service: Not Specified Language translation: Not Specified COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

Texas Southern District/Bankruptcy Court

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed:

None Reported By Attorney

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Spanish

LAW SCHOOL

School Degree earned

St. Mary's University

Graduation Date 05/2002

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

Other States

None Reported By Attorney

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CYNTHIA XIMENEZ 'CINDY TREVINO' TREVINO

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 24088546 **TX License Date**: 11/01/2013

Primary Practice Location: Austin, Texas

2517 North Main Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 05/07/2021

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Private Law Practice

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative

Services Provided:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Translation: Not Specified ADA-accessible client service: Not Specified

Language translation: Yes

Fee Options Provided:
None Reported By Attorney

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: 210-227-3243 📞

COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

Texas Western District Court

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed:

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None Reported By Attorney

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Foreign Language Assistance:

Spanish

LAW SCHOOL

School Degree earned

St. Mary's University
Doctor of Jurisprudence/Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Graduation Date 05/2013

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

Other States

None Reported By Attorney

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MATTHEW J. LONGORIA

Eligible to Practice in Texas

DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL & ZECH, P.C.

Bar Card Number: 24087035 **TX License Date:** 11/03/2017

Primary Practice Location: San Antonio , Texas

2517 N. Main Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative

Statutory Profile Last Certified On: 09/24/2020

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Firm: Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

Firm Size: 11 to 24

Occupation: Government Lawyer

Practice Areas: Government/Administrative

Services Provided:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Translation: Not Specified ADA-accessible client service: Not Specified Language translation: Not Specified

Fee Options Provided:
None Reported By Attorney

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel; 210-227-3243 📞

COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

Federal:

None Reported By Attorney

Other Courts:

None Reported By Attorney

Other States Licensed:

None Reported By Attorney

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None Reported By Attorney

LAW SCHOOL

School
Degree earned
St. Mary's University
Graduation Date 05/2016

PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

State of Texas

No Public Disciplinary History

Other States

None Reported By Attorney

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Via Email: pedroalanis@saht.org

February 8, 2022

Pedro Alanis Executive Director San Antonio Housing Trust 2515 Blanco Road San Antonio, TX 78212

RE: Agreement for Legal Services – General Counsel

Dear Mr. Alanis,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this engagement letter to provide General Counsel services for the San Antonio Housing Trust and affiliated entities (San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, San Antonio Housing Trust Public Facilities Corporation, and San Antonio Housing Trust Public Finance Corporation), together "Entities."

I, Clarissa M. Rodriguez, will be the supervising Partner/Shareholder. My Partner T. Daniel Santee will also be assisting, as well as our Associates Cynthia Trevino and Megan Santee. Depending on your needs and workload, other lawyers in the firm may be used, when necessary, to increase our ability to respond to your needs and reduce your overall costs in connection with our engagement.

Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., has found that the practice of billing clients on an hourly basis for work actually completed, and with invoices submitted on a monthly basis, works best for our clients and us. Our invoices are due on receipt and are past due after thirty days. The current engagement will be bill as General Counsel. Our hourly billing rates for different levels of engagement are as follows:

o <u>General Counsel</u>: \$205 per hour for Partners/Shareholder; \$185 per hour for Associates; \$125 per hour for Law Clerks; \$140 per hour for Planner; and \$95 per hour for Paralegals

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Pursuant to State law, the Firm recognizes that the Entities may not enter into a contract with a company for goods and services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it; (i) does not boycott Israel; and (ii) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2270.002). As such, the Firm hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel, and agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, will not boycott Israel as that term is defined in the Texas Government Code, Section 808.001, as amended. Further, the Firm hereby certifies that it is not a company identified under Texas Government Code, Section 2252.152 as a company engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Non-Boycott of Energy. Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 13 (2021), Contractor certifies that either (i) it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation. Contractor shall state any facts that make it exempt from the boycott certification as an attachment to this agreement.

Non-Boycott of Firearm Entity. Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 19 (2021), Contractor certifies that it: (a) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (b) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Please execute this letter in the space provided below to acknowledge our engagement on behalf of the San Antonio Housing Trust and Entities and return it to our office. Please return the executed letter to our office via facsimile at (210) 225-4481 or by email at cmrodriguez@rampagelaw.com.

Very truly yours.

We look forward to representing the San Antonio Housing Trust and Entities.

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San Antonio Housing Trust Agenda Item 8

Discussion and possible action to adopt a "Conflict-of-Interest" Policy

Summary:

Per Article III, Section 3.14 of the First Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, the Trust must establish and adopt a Conflict-of-Interest Policy which is applicable to all Trustees. The purpose of the policy is to protect the organization's tax-exemption interest when contemplating an action that might benefit an board member.

The policy defines Financial and Non-Financial Interest, outlines the duty to disclose, sets conditions for conflicts to exist, establishes procedures for addressing the conflict, and outlines violations of conflicts.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the attached conflict of interest policy.

Conflict of Interest Policy

SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST (SAHT)

Article I Purpose

The purpose of the conflict-of-interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization/SAHT) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II Definitions

1. Interested Person:

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest or other conflict of interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest:

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- **a.** An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- **b.** A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- **c.** A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

3. Other Conflict of Interest:

A person has an "other" conflict of interest that might influence an office's, director's, or committee member's duties that may be affected, directly or indirectly, by action taken or not taken by the SAHT.

Article III Procedures

1. **Duty to Disclose**:

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest or other conflict and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists:

After disclosure of the financial interest or other conflict and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest:

- **a.** An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- **b.** The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- **c.** After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- **d.** If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy:

- **a.** If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- **b.** If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action as authorized by law.

Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest or other conflict of interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest or other conflict of interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing boards or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- **b.** The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V Compensation

- **a.** A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- **b.** A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- **c.** No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- **a.** Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- **b.** Has read and understands the policy,
- **c.** Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax

exemption it must engage primarily in activities in which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- **a.** Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- **b.** Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

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