

Resolution No. <u>15-2024</u> Adoption Date Feb. 6, 2024

Sufficiency of Funds	Bibi Taylor
Form and Legality	David Minchelle

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GIBBONS P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL TO THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by Ordinance of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-55(t), the Authority is empowered to enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts and things necessary, convenient or desirable for the purposes of the Authority, subject to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, there exists the need to for Bond Counsel Services for the period of February 6, 2024 through February 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a "fair and open process" conducted through a Request for Qualifications and by way of Resolution No. 10-2024, the Authority has approved a list of prequalified firms to provide Bond Counsel Services to the Authority, in which Gibbons P.C. is listed; and

WHEREAS, Gibbons P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, NJ has agreed to provide the necessary services at a rate of \$180 per hour for partners; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for professional services "without competitive bidding" be passed by the governing body and shall be advertised and be available for inspection by members of the public; and

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yes/Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
David Barnett		X	X			
Jonathan Boguchwal			X			
Steve Hockaday	X		X			
Terri Riley Hudak			X			
Andrea Mojica			X			
Ahmed Shehata						X
Jenny Davis Toth			X			
Scott Huff, Vice Chairman			X			
Christopher Kolibas, Chairman			X			



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WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be provided are in the profession of law requiring considerable training and specialized study:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Union County Improvement Authority a contract to Gibbons P.C., Newark, NJ, is hereby awarded pursuant to a fair and open process, to provide bond counsel services for the period of February 6, 2024 through February 5, 2025 for projects as assigned by the Executive Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Authority is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this Resolution shall be published according to law.