

Resolution No. <u>29-2025</u> Adoption Date <u>March 4, 2025</u> Sufficiency of Funds <u>*Bibi Tayler</u></sub> Form and Legality <u><i>Leuis Plainene</u>*</u></u>

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GENOVA BURNS LLC AS REDEVELOPMENT 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 Redevelopment Counsel Services for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a "fair and open process" conducted through a Request for Qualifications, the Authority received proposals on February 27, 2025 from various firms in response to an RFQ for Redevelopment Counsel, which have been review and evaluated; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Christopher Kolibas and Vice-Chair Scott Huff recommend for approval of Genova Burns, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Genova Burns, LLC 494 Broad Street, Newark, NJ has agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined above in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 at a blended hourly rate for attorneys of \$275 as outlined in their proposal; and

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



Resolution No. <u>29-2025</u> Adoption Date <u>March 4, 2024</u> 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

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 Genova Burns, LLC 494 Broad Street, Newark, NJ, is hereby awarded pursuant to a fair and open process, to provide redevelopment counsel services for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the following projects: UC Government Complex Project, and other Projects within a redevelopment area as designated by the Authority; 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.