Resolution

No. ____25-75

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL KOBAYASHI SUGITA & GODA, LLP, IN <u>CHRISTOPHER SALEM V. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL.</u>, CIVIL 2CCV-21-0000048

WHEREAS, by Resolution 23-187, the Council authorized the employment of special counsel Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP ("special counsel") to represent the County of Maui, and Michael P. Victorino and Michael C. McLean in their official capacities in Christopher Salem v. County of Maui, et al.

WHEREAS, the Second Circuit Court, by order dated November 8, 2023 in Christopher Salem v. County of Maui, et al., substituted Richard T. Bissen, Jr. in his official capacity for Michael P. Victorino in his official capacity, and Kathleen Aoki in her official capacity as Director of the Department of Planning for Michelle C. McLean in her official capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Second Circuit Court, by order dated March 6, 2024 in <u>Christopher Salem v. County of Maui, et al.</u>, substituted Kate Blystone in her official capacity as Director of the Department of Planning for Kathleen Aoki in her official capacity; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 24-13, the Council authorized raising the compensation limit for the employment of special counsel by an additional \$75,000 for a total compensation not exceeding \$125,000;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 24-71 the Council authorized raising the compensation limit for the employment of special counsel by an additional \$325,000 for a total compensation not exceeding \$450,000;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Corporation Counsel has now requested to raise the compensation limit for the employment of special counsel by an additional \$475,000 for a total compensation not exceeding \$925,000 for ongoing motions, responses, other Court filings and Court requirements, and trial preparation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

- 1. That the Council hereby approves and authorizes an increase in compensation for the employment of special counsel Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP for the representation of the County of Maui, Richard T. Bissen, Jr. in his official capacity, and Kate Blystone in her official capacity in this case by \$475,000 for a total compensation not exceeding \$925,000; and
- 2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Corporation Counsel, the Director of Finance, and Kobayashi Sugita & Goda, LLP.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

JOHN J. GORES

Deputy Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

LIT 6247

INTRODUCED BY:

Upon the request of the Mayor.