

R-15-135
**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO
THE LAW FIRM OF GLUCK WALRATH, LLP**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands is in need of professional legal services for the purpose of representing the Borough with regard to the Fair Housing Act and the Coalition of Affording Housing (COAH's) regulations; and

WHEREAS, such professional legal services can only be provided by licensed professionals and the firm of Gluck Walrath, LLP, 428 River View Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08611 is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified funds contingent upon the adoption of the 2015 budget:

Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 at an hourly rate of \$175 per hour as stated in the proposal dated May 29, 2015.

WHEREAS, Gluck Walrath, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Gluck Walrath, LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit Gluck Walrath, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Gluck Walrath, LLP has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Gluck Walrath, LLP is hereby retained to provide professional legal services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 plus reimbursable expenses.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

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KANE	x		X			
REDMOND			X			
RYAN			X			
NOLAN		x	x			
ON CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO						

Date: June 17 2015

CAROLYN CUMMINS, BOROUGH CLERK

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands at a meeting held June 17, 2015.

BOROUGH CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

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