

**Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District
Resolution No. 2016-16 Approving Appointment of Ms. Amara Morrison to
General Counsel**

The Governing Authority of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District
RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations

- (a) The attorney currently serving as the District's General Counsel has indicated that he no longer wishes to represent the District.
- (b) The Board recognizes the importance of engaging the services of a new general counsel as soon as reasonably possible.

SECTION 2.

- (a) Amara Morrison is a partner with the law firm Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean, LLP.
- (b) Ms. Morrison has the special skills necessary to perform the duties of the General Counsel. Ms. Morrison has been an attorney for more than 25 years, having worked as a partner with Gagen, McCoy, McMahon, Koss, Markowitz & Raines; as Assistant City Attorney/Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Livermore; and as Assistant City Attorney/Deputy City Attorney for the City of Walnut Creek.
- (c) Board member Pat Gillette has been communicating with Ms. Morrison and her firm about fees she might charge as General Counsel, should the District decide to engage her services. To date, Ms. Morrison has offered a general hourly rate of \$395 per hour, a significant discount from her normal rate of \$420 per hour. She has also offered to bill at a further discounted rate of \$320 per hour for initial service periods each month, the hourly rate to increase to \$395 per hour for hours of service exceeding those service periods. Further, she has offered to consider a flat reduced rate for attending meetings when requested to attend, if the length does not exceed a specified limit.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors hereby designates Board members Pat Gillette and Rachelle Sherris-Watt to complete negotiations with Ms. Morrison and arrive at specific rates for service categories consistent with the terms outlined above, and propose a contract with Ms. Morrison to be presented to the Board for consideration at the Board's next regular meeting, which will take place on 10 November 2016.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District on Wednesday, the 26th of October, 2016,
By the following vote to wit:

AYES: 3

AYE Len Welsh
Len Welsh, President

NOES: 2

NO Rachel Sherris-Watt
Rachelle Sherris-Watt, Vice President

ABSENT:

AYE Pat Gillette
Pat Gillette, Director

AYE Chuck Toombs
Chuck Toombs, Director

NO _____
Vanessa Cordova, Director