

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING JOHN LUEBBERKE AS INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY AND APPROVING A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HERUM CRABTREE SUNTAG FOR INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2026, Katie Lucchesi notified the City Council of her resignation from her role as City Attorney with the City of Lodi; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the City Attorney vacancy, City Council desires to appoint a person with specialized skills qualified to fill in as the Interim City Attorney while the City undertakes the recruitment process to hire a permanent replacement for the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed Interim City Attorney options at its regular meeting on March 18, 2026, and conducted interviews with the top candidates at a Special Meeting on March 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, following the interviews, the City Council determined John Luebberke of the law firm Herum Crabtree Suntag, possesses the necessary, specialized skill-set to perform the role of Interim City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the proposed candidate has agreed to fill the position of Interim City Attorney pursuant to a written Legal Services Agreement as shown in Attachment 1 hereto, as approved by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in consideration of the above stated, the City Council hereby:

1. Appoints John Luebberke to the role of Interim City Attorney effective upon expiration of City Attorney Katie Lucchesi's employment with the City of Lodi, which shall continue until the City Council makes an alternate appointment to either the Interim or permanent City Attorney role, or until Mr. Luebberke notifies the City Council of his desire to voluntarily resigns from the position;
2. Confirms that for the duration of the appointment as Interim City Attorney, Mr. Luebberke will be vested with all authority provided to the City Attorney in the California State Law, Lodi Municipal Code, the Lodi City Attorney job description, as well as any City resolutions, policies, and procedures; and
3. Approves and authorizes the Legal Services Agreement with Herum Crabtree Suntag included in Attachment 1, for such Interim City Attorney services.

Dated: April 1, 2026

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2026-__ was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held April 1, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

OLIVIA NASHED
City Clerk

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