

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-021**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING HELEN HOLMES PEAK AS ELECTIONS SPECIAL COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AS-NEEDED ELECTION LEGAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, each election cycle, the City hires special counsel to assist with any election related issues that arise; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also approved a new ordinance related to local campaign contribution limits, and the ordinance requires the City Council to appoint special counsel at least 90 days prior to the election to perform the enforcement of the local campaign regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the newly approved City regulations in Imperial Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.55, the special counsel should be a qualified and independent special counsel and cannot be the city attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously used Helen Holmes Peak of Lounsbery Ferguson Altona & Peak as special counsel for election-related issues, and Ms. Peak performs similar elections and campaign regulations enforcement for other local jurisdictions making her highly qualified for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to appoint Ms. Peak as the elections special counsel for the 2024 elections cycle and enter into the legal services agreement because it is necessary and convenient for the management of City affairs pursuant to Imperial Beach Municipal Code section 3.04.160.G.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach as follows:

1. The above-listed recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated as findings.
2. The City Council hereby appoints Helen Holmes Peak as the 2024 election cycle special counsel for purposes of Imperial Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.55 and authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with her firm, Lounsbery Ferguson Altona & Peak, for the 2024 election cycle for as-need legal services.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach at its meeting held on the 17th day of April 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

PALOMA AGUIRRE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE M. KELLY, MMC
CITY CLERK