

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR  
PROPERTY TAX CONSULTING/AUDIT SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND HDL COREN & CONE**

This Amendment to the Agreement is made and entered into this 1st day of July 2026 by and between the City of Hawthorne, a California Municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as "CITY"), and HdL Coren & Cone, a California corporation (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR").

WHEREAS the CITY and CONTRACTOR entered into an Agreement for Property Tax Consulting/Audit Services ("AGREEMENT") dated July 1, 2017, to provide certain consultant services, and

CONTRACTOR represents that CONTRACTOR has the expertise and is qualified to perform the services described in the AGREEMENT, and if required, is duly registered under the laws of the State of California.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 2.0 BASE SERVICES will be replaced with the Base Services attachment.
2. Section 6.3 Optional Services hourly rates will be replaced with:

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| Partner        | \$250 per hour |
| Principal      | \$225 per hour |
| Programmer     | \$200 per hour |
| Associate      | \$175 per hour |
| Senior Analyst | \$125 per hour |
| Analyst        | \$ 90 per hour |
| Administrative | \$ 70 per hour |

Hourly rates are exclusive of expenses and are subject to adjustment by CONTRACTOR annually. On July 1st of each year CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY with an updated schedule of hourly rates. The rates will not be increased by more than five percent (5%) per year.

3. Section 8.1 Representative of Contractor will be updated as follows:

Nichole Cone-Morishita  
HdL Coren & Cone  
120 S. State College Blvd., Suite 200  
Brea, CA 92821

4. Section 9.1 Insurance will be updated as follows:

(a) Consultant shall maintain in-force: Commercial General Liability and Professional Liability Insurance. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect a policy of public liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$2,000,000 in accordance with the requirements provided by City to Consultant. Consultant shall also maintain in-force;

Professional Liability Insurance (and/or Errors & Omissions Insurance) with minimum limits of liability of \$2,000,000 per claim against an injury, death, loss or damages because of wrongful or negligent acts or omissions by the named insured.

(b) Contractor shall maintain in-force Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance as required by the California Labor Code. Evidence of coverage shall take the form of a Certificate of Insurance or a California Certificate to Self-Insure. Acceptable minimum limits for this coverage are: Workers' Compensation; Statutory in California; Employer's Liability: \$1,000,000.

(c) Certificates of Insurance. Contractor shall furnish to City evidence of any insurance required by this Agreement. A Certificate of Insurance from an insurer admitted or authorized to do business in the State of California will be provided, indicating that the respective policy(s) meets the following requirements: (1) The City, its officers, employees, and agents shall be named as additional insured on the General Liability Insurance; (2) Insurance shall not be canceled or terminated without 30 days written notice to City or 10 day notice for non-payment of the premium; (3) General Liability shall be primary and any insurance held by City for its own protection shall be excess and shall be effective only upon exhaustion of Contractor's insurance; (4) Insurance shall be maintained for the duration of the Agreement, including any period extended beyond the expiration date of this Agreement required to complete performance as stipulated in this Agreement and all amendments thereto.

(d) To the extent permitted by law, Consultant's total aggregate liability arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall not exceed \$4,000,000 or the total compensation received by Consultant under this Agreement, whichever is greater.

5. Section 13.1 Contractor will be updated as follows:

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6. Exhibit A – Schedule of Performance will be replaced with the Exhibit A attachment.
7. The current annual fee will be \$19,325 and will remain unchanged until the 2027 California Consumer Price Index (CCPI) is applied. Subsequent annual CCPI adjustments will occur in July of each year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Amendment on the day and year first above written.

**CITY OF HAWTHORNE**

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**Vontray Norris, City Manager**  
City of Hawthorne

**CONTRACTOR:**

HdL COREN & CONE  
A California Corporation

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Nichole Cone-Morishita, CFO

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**DAVID CACERES, City Attorney**  
City of Hawthorne, California