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Title: To authorize the City Clerk and all City of Columbus agencies to modify all contracts and purchase orders established with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC); to allow for the assignment of all existing and future contracts and purchase orders with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO); to reflect a name change and Federal Identification Number change as a result of a merger; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the assignment of all existing and future business done by the City of Columbus with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO). This change will reflect a company merger and subsequent name change and Federal Identification Number change for all existing and future contracts and purchase orders established using the name Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC).

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to effect these changes as soon as possible to promote accurate recording of transactions and to allow service contracts to proceed as scheduled.

To authorize the City Clerk and all City of Columbus agencies to modify all contracts and purchase orders established with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC); to allow for the assignment of all existing and future contracts and purchase orders with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO); to reflect a name change and Federal Identification Number change as a result of a merger; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, the City has engaged in an ongoing business relationship with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC); and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) has merged with Southeastern Ohio Legal Services and is operating under the new name of Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO); and

WHEREAS, these changes have been documented by written communications from the vendor involved; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept a name and Federal Identification number change from Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO); and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) has informed the City of Columbus of its intentions to fulfill all existing contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor's Office requires that these changes be officially acknowledged by City Council; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the City's uninterrupted payments to this vendor, it is necessary to assign all existing and future contracts and purchase orders between the City Clerk and all City of Columbus agencies and Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to Legal Aid Society of Columbus' successor firm, Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO); and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the City to modify all existing contracts and purchase orders with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to make assignments to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) to promote accurate recording of transactions and allow uninterrupted receipt of professional services, which are crucial to execution of City projects and operations, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the City Clerk and all other city Directors are hereby authorized to modify all contracts and purchase orders with Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to allow for the assignment of all existing and future contracts and purchase orders from Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC) to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) and is authorized to execute all documents relating thereto to reflect the change of the company name and Federal Identification Number.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 3. That this modification is in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes.

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.