

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** January 23, 2023  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jamie Adelman, VP, Procurement, Real Estate and Special Projects  
**SUBJ:** APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DENISE STANDRIDGE

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approving the Resolution will amend the Personal Services Contract with Denise Standridge, extending the contract through February 5, 2024, and increasing the total consideration to \$125,000.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The original contract included a total consideration of \$100,000. As of December 31, 2022, SacRT has expended approximately \$80,347.00 since the commencement of the contract in 2020. Due to an increase in case activity, as courts reopen post COVID, SacRT anticipates an increase in the need for Ms. Standridge's support. Therefore, staff is increasing the total consideration of the contract to \$125,000. The Fiscal Year 2023 budget has sufficient funds to cover the usage of Ms. Standridge's services for the remainder of the fiscal year. The term of the contract after June 30, 2023 will be covered by the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget.

### DISCUSSION

On February 5, 2020, SacRT entered a Personal Services Contract with Denise Standridge to provide assistance to the Risk Management Department in managing and representing SacRT in personal injury tort claims filed against SacRT.

Ms. Standridge will also be providing training, assistance, and consultation to Attorney III Artak Paskevichyan, in the Risk Department with handling litigation matters. This includes but is not limited to reviewing medical records; drafting legal documents and pleadings; taking and/or defending depositions; reviewing case files; interacting with experts; and court appearances. This position will be available to cover for the sole Attorney III with handling litigation in times where he is double booked, sick, or on vacation.

Ms. Standridge brings with her a unique set of skills. She was general counsel and a litigator for AC Transit and has extensive experience in transit and California public law. She has been in the transit industry since 2001 and has been handling civil litigation for 30 years. She also spent 5-6 years litigating in Sacramento and was acting as a settlement conference judge pro tem. She has handled 30 jury trials, thousands of depositions, and about 1,000 arbitrations and mediations. With COVID postponing trials for a couple years, 2023 and 2024 are anticipated to be extremely busy litigation years. SacRT's Attorney III will require the assistance and support of Ms. Standridge to effectively defend lawsuits against SacRT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01-003

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

January 23, 2023

**APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DENISE STANDRIDGE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Fourth Amendment to the Personal Services Contract between Sacramento Regional Transit District, therein referred to as "SacRT," and Denise Standridge, therein referred to as "Temporary Employee," whereby the term is extended by one year to February 5, 2024, and the total consideration is increased by \$25,000, to \$125,000, is hereby approved.

THAT, the Chair and General Manager/CEO are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Fourth Amendment.

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STEVE MILLER, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary