



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#15-0383**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Cynthia A. Everett, City Attorney

**DATE:** March 17, 2015

**TITLE:** Resolution appointing Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet LLC as special counsel to indigent defendants when appointed by the County Court in and for Broward County, Florida, in City of Fort Lauderdale municipal violation cases, and approving an agreement with Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet LLC.

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet LLC as special counsel to indigent defendants when appointed by the County Court in and for Broward County, Florida, in City of Fort Lauderdale municipal violation cases, and approving an agreement with Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet LLC.

**Background**

The City Attorney's Office prosecutes municipal ordinance violations in the County Court in and for Broward County Court pursuant to Section 4.12, Charter of the City of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Broward County Court judges appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants in these municipal ordinance violation proceedings.

The City of Fort Lauderdale issued Invitation to Bid No. 453-11544, Criminal Defense Attorney Services ("ITB") to succeed an agreement that expires on April 10, 2015. An oversight in the ITB required a rebid *via* Invitation to Bid No. 453-11588. It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution appointing the incumbent, Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet, LLC, as special counsel to represent indigent defendants charged with municipal ordinance violations when appointed by the County Court in and for Broward County, Florida, for \$195 per case during the period April 11, 2015, until the commencement of a contract arising out of Invitation to Bid No. 453-11588, and approving an agreement with Law Offices of Steven A. Schaet, LLC.

## **Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount up to \$30,000.00. Funding is available in the Legal Services account.

<i>Funds available as of March 12, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
001-ATT010101-3119	City Attorney	Services-Materials/Legal Services	\$237,338.00	\$104,052.00	\$30,000.00
<b>TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$30,000.00</b>

Attachment:  
Exhibit 1 – Resolution and Agreement

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