

**RESOLUTION 2023-081**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SURENIAN, EDWARDS, BUZAK & NOLAN, LLC TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM TO COMPEL THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH), DOCKET NO. A-00050-22.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham has approved Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC, of 311 Broadway, Suite A, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, as one of its legal counsel for affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract could exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract is for a case entitled, "*In the Matter of the Application of the Council on Affordable Housing by Governor Phillip Murphy*", Docket No. A-00050-22 ("Appeal"); and

**WHEREAS**, Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Chatham in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC (the "Law Firm") were previously named as counsel to represent the Township of Chatham under the Joint Appeal to compel the Governor of the State of New Jersey to appoint members to the COAH under Docket No. A-00050-22; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Firm has recently changed its name to Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Firm has responded to an Request for Proposal and was appointed as a qualified Law Firm for housing related matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham desires the Law Firm to continue its representation of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:


1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes execution by the Mayor and Township Clerk of a professional services agreement with Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC, of 311 Broadway, Suite A, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, regarding litigation entitled, "*In the Matter of the Application of the Council on Affordable Housing by Governor Phillip Murphy*", Docket No. A-00050-22.
2. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value Certification shall be placed on file with this Resolution.
3. A copy of this Resolution, as well as the Contract, shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township of Chatham.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the *Chatham Courier* as provided by law.

Adopted: March 21, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN  
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

  
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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By   
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Ashley Felice, Mayor

#### CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that as of March 21, 2023, sufficient funds are or will be available upon adoption of the budget for year 2023 to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

  
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Debra A. King  
Chief Financial Officer