

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ELI B. KUHNREICH, VINELAND, NJ FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION ATTORNEY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland has heretofore advertised for proposals for Professional Services for Workers Compensation Attorney Services for the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the Requests were published in the City's official newspaper and the City's website; and

WHEREAS, proposal was received and referred to the City Solicitor for evaluation and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that a contract for the required services be awarded to Eli B. Kuhnreich, Vineland, NJ based upon the proposal received, pursuant to a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS this contract is awarded in an amount not to exceed \$135.00 per hour, estimated, plus allowable reimbursable expenses, for a contract period of February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for said Professional Services Contract to be awarded herein have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that said contract for Professional Services for Workers Compensation Attorney Services for the City of Vineland, be awarded to Eli B. Kuhnreich, Vineland, NJ, based upon the proposal received, pursuant to a fair and open process, in the amount not to exceed \$135.00 per hour, estimated, plus allowable reimbursable expenses, for a contract period of February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

LAW OFFICE
ELI B. KUHNREICH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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January 19, 2018

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City of Vineland
Attention: Miguel A. Mercado, QPA
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Vineland, NJ 08362-1508

Re- COV RFP #2018-02
2018 Professional Services for Workers Compensation

Dear Mr. Mercado,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this, my proposal for 2018 Professional Services for Workers Compensation Attorney. It would be an honor to represent the City of Vineland in that capacity.

I have been engaged in the private practice of law since June 1980. Commencing December 11, 1987, I was given the opportunity to launch my own practice located at 717 Elmer St. in Vineland, where I enjoyed four wonderful years. In 1991, my office was presented with an opportunity to relocate to 102 N. Sixth Street in Vineland, and I have been there ever since.

My practice has emphasized personal injury and Workers Compensation cases. I would estimate that in my private practice, Workers Compensation matters comprise approximately 40% of my caseload. As a result, I am thoroughly conversant and familiar with Workers Compensation law, medicine and the procedures involved. For well over three decades, I have handled any number of Workers Compensation cases to successful conclusion, including trials, and the Workers Compensation Court is a friendly and familiar venue for me.

Once again, it would be an honor to represent the City of Vineland as Workers Compensation counsel and I agree to accept the City's hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour.

With respect to the submission items enumerated in the proposal packet, I offer the following responses:

1. See the enclosed printout from the New Jersey Judiciary website evidencing my active status. Also attached are photos of my New Jersey Supreme Court diploma dated June 12, 1980, my United States District Court-New Jersey diploma dated June 12, 1980 and my United States Supreme Court diploma dated May 14, 1984. My licensure and eligibility to practice law has been continuous.

**LAW OFFICE
ELI B. KUHNREICH
ATTORNEY AT LAW**

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2. I previously represented the City of Vineland from approximately 2006 through 2008 as an Associate Solicitor handling all of its Workers Compensation cases.
3. My office has been located at 102 N. Sixth Street in Vineland since 1991.
4. For the past six years, I have operated on a thoroughly solo basis, without any support staff. I am comfortable utilizing technology, including voice dictation software, to assist me in generating correspondence and legal documents. From my over 37 years of legal experience, I can readily call upon a vast array of templates and forms to assist me in an assignment.

Of course, should it appear necessary to engage support staff, I would certainly consider doing so. However, that need has simply not arisen over the past six years.

5. City of Vineland from approximately 2006 through 2008
6. See enclosed information.
7. I have been engaged in the private practice of law for over 37 years, during which time I have handled a number of Workers Compensation cases to successful conclusion. My practice is comprised of approximately 40% of Workers Compensation matters and is easily geared toward the handling of the same, smoothly and professionally.
8. See enclosed information, and I confirm that I do accept the City of Vineland's hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour.

There is the matter of liability insurance coverage. I am presently covered by US Fire Insurance Company up through January 26, 2018. The liability limits are \$1 million/\$2 million. I have already been accepted for renewal of the policy. Should the City of Vineland require different policy limits, I would seek to comply accordingly.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you for your consideration, I remain

Very truly yours,



ELI B. KUHNREICH
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