



# City of Newark

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## Legislation Text

File #: 16-1831, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Law

**Action:** ( ) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** Labor/Employment Counsel

**Entity Name:** Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC.

**Entity Address:** 60 Washington Street, Suite 300, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

**Contract Amount:** An amount not to exceed \$75,000.00

**Funding Source:** 2017 Budget/Law Department

**Contract Period:** January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

**Contract Basis:** ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS

(X) Fair & Open ( ) No Reportable Contributions ( ) RFP (X) RFQ

( ) Private Sale ( ) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) n/a

**Additional Information:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark is involved in ongoing legal matters and therefore has a need to acquire legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, legal services are professional services, exempt from the requirement for public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation Counsel of the City of Newark caused to be published on the City of Newark's website, a Notice of Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Labor/Employment Counsel on or about September 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark received a total of twelve (12) proposals in response to the RFQ; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC, 60 Washington Street, Suite 300, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, submitted a proposal in response to the request and it was found, based upon price and other factors, to be in the best interest of the City of Newark to accept the proposal for the purpose of providing legal services concerning Labor/Employment matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a new contract with Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC to provide legal services concerning Labor/Employment matters in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that notice of the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published in a

local newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is for an amount over \$17,500.00 and is being awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council adopted the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 2:4-22C, which forbids the award of a contract to a Business Entity, as defined therein, which has made or solicited political contributions to Newark Municipal Candidates, office holders having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract; candidate committees of the aforementioned candidates; and political or political party committees of the City of Newark or County of Essex; and continuing political committees or political action committees regularly engaged in the support of the City of Newark municipal or County of Essex elections; and certain other political party or candidate committees, in excess of certain thresholds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to execute a contract with Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC, 60 Washington Street, Suite 300, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, to provide legal services concerning labor/employment defense matters in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC, as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.
2. The term of this contract shall be January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for such matters that may arise during the contract term.
3. This contract is being awarded pursuant to the fair and open procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5) and pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)).
4. This is a contract which shall be awarded in one fiscal year although the date on which it properly takes effect falls in the next fiscal year. Accordingly this contract is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the year in which it takes effect. New Jersey Administrative Code 5:30-5.5(e). Funds for this contract in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 shall be provided from the City of Newark Budget, Law Department.
5. A copy of the executed agreement herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Corporation Counsel and shall be made available for public inspection.
6. A notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper authorized by law to publish a legal advertisement and as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

### **STATEMENT**

This resolution authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into a contract for legal services for litigation defense matters with Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC, 60 Washington Street, Suite 300, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.