

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange is mandated to provide Public Defender services for indigent persons in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Public Defender Joseph Deer, Esq. submitted his resignation on December 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Fernando Marin, Esq. has approximately 33 years' experience in the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marin has over twenty-five (25) years of municipal court experience, including serving: (i) as the Chief Municipal Prosecutor of the Township of Hamilton, New Jersey; (ii) as the Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the City of East Orange; (iii) as the Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Camden; (iv) as the Prosecutor for the City of East Orange; and (v) as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Orange; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marin shall provide proof of malpractice insurance in accordance with the Township guidelines; and

WHEREAS, that Mr. Marin has agreed to serve as the Township's Public Defender pursuant to the terms of the professional services agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit "A;" and it is further

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that Fernando Marin, Esq. be and is hereby named as Municipal Public Defender for the Township of West Orange at the rate of \$350.00 per session and subject to the terms of the annexed Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED that the within appointment is not pursuant to the fair and open process set forth in the Pay to Play Laws of the State of New Jersey due to the resignation of Mr. Deer and the need to make an immediate appointment of the Municipal Public Defender; and it is further

RESOLVED that notice of this contract designation shall be published and available in accordance with the applicable laws.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Susan McCartney
Council President

Adopted: December 20, 2022

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