

**RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
PLANNING BOARD**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FIRM HEYER GRUEL & ASSOCIATES
AS CONSULTING PLANNERS TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST ORANGE FROM OCTOBER 2, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the firm Heyer Gruel & Associates has demonstrated through the submission of a response to the Township and Board's requests for proposals that they are duly qualified to serve the Board as consulting planning consultants; and

WHEREAS, the Board's previously appointed planning consultants, Nishuane Group, LLC, resigned their position with the Board effective September, 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has thus determined that Heyer Gruel & Associates should be appointed as the Board's consulting planning consultants; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.) permits the awarding of the professional service contracts without competitive bid; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall constitute the Board's contractual agreement with Heyer Gruel & Associates to serve as its planning consultants for the period of October 2, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Planning Board of the Township of West Orange as follows:

1. Heyer Gruel & Associates be and hereby are appointed as consulting planners to the Planning Board of the Township of West Orange, effective October 2, 2025, through and including December 31, 2025, to review applications filed with the Board as assigned by the Board, provide the Board with his/her comments on the assigned applications, attend all Board meetings where those applications will be heard and perform such other services as the Board may direct, including Master Plan consistency reviews of proposed land use ordinances and proposed capital improvement programs and such other services as the Board may direct. Heyer Gruel shall be compensated in accordance with the fee service proposals dated September 22, 2025 and September 25, 2025 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. The appointment does not include work to be performed by Heyer Gruel & Associates with respect to the Fourth Round Affordable Housing Element and Fair Share Plan which is the subject of a separate agreement and resolution approved by the Township Council.
3. This appointment is awarded without competitive bid as a “professional service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law due to Heyer Gruel & Associates’ experience as planning consultants and planners serving public entities.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township of West Orange.

Adopted: 10/3/25

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Baquerizo', written over a horizontal line.

Jamilet Baquerizo Vite

Planning Board Secretary

Vote Action Taken by the Board on October 3, 2025:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
K. Alper			X			
J. Guarino		X				---
L. Klein					X	
S. McCartney						---
C. Morgan			X			
S. Scarpa			X			
F. Noborine			X			
W. Wilkes			X			
J. Cardoza			X			
L. Kapferer			X			
R. Bagoff	X		X			

Vote on Memorialization on October 3, 2025:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
K. Alper		X	X			
J. Guarino						---
L. Klein					X	
S. McCartney						---
C. Morgan			X			
S. Scarpa			X			
F. Noborine			X			
W. Wilkes			X			
J. Cardoza			X			
L. Kapferer			X			
R. Bagoff	X		X			