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December 29, 2006

FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
And Members of the City Council  
City and County of Honolulu  
Honolulu Hale  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz:

Re: Various Lawsuits Relating to Residential  
Condominium Leasehold Conversion

We transmit herewith a draft of a Resolution for additional funds for the services of the law firm of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda, as special deputy corporation counsel, to represent the City and County of Honolulu in the above-referenced lawsuits.

Your favorable consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at extension 4202.

Respectfully submitted,

*Winston K. Q. Wong*  
WINSTON K. Q. WONG  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:

*Carrie K. S. Okinaga*  
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Corporation Counsel

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## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICES PERFORMED BY KOBAYASHI, SUGITA & GODA AS SPECIAL DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL REPRESENTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN VARIOUS LAWSUITS RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM LEASEHOLD CONVERSION

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 00-189, dated September 27, 2000, the City Council authorized the retention of the law firm of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda to serve as special deputy corporation counsel and co-counsel with the deputies of the Department of the Corporation Counsel to provide legal services in various lawsuits relating to residential condominium leasehold conversion; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 00-189 authorized a maximum of \$25,000 for legal fees; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 01-339, dated December 21, 2001, authorized an additional sum in the amount of \$75,000, bringing the total maximum authorized amount to \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 03-335, dated December 3, 2003, authorized an additional sum in the amount of \$25,000, bringing the total maximum authorized amount to \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 04-376, dated December 1, 2004, authorized an additional sum in the amount of \$25,000, bringing the total maximum authorized amount to \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 05-395, dated December 7, 2005, authorized an additional sum in the amount of \$25,000, bringing the total maximum authorized amount to \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, at this time, there are two remaining projects which involve lawsuits which have been filed;

WHEREAS, of the two projects, one has been settled, and the other one is in the final stages of court proceedings; and



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WHEREAS, the fees and expenses for the necessary legal work in connection therewith has exceeded said total maximum amount; and

WHEREAS, the special deputy corporation counsel has requested the approval of additional funds to cover legal fees and expenses already incurred and to be incurred in the future; and

WHEREAS, based on the above, an increase in said maximum total amount is warranted since the maximum has been exceeded and additional monies are needed for said special deputy corporation counsel to pay outstanding bills for legal services rendered and to continue to represent the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel recommends the allotment of an additional sum in the amount of \$25,000; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that an additional \$25,000 be allotted for the payment of said special deputy corporation counsel to represent the City in the lawsuits mentioned above, in accordance with all the terms and conditions set forth in Resolution No. 00-189, bringing the total maximum authorized amount to \$200,000; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Council that the Clerk be and is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the law firm of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda, 999 Bishop Street, Suite 2600, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and to the Corporation Counsel.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Alan Kobayashi*

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