CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Board Counsel
Resolution No.: 07-12-17A
Resolution Title: Resolution Adopting Amendments to the Bylaws for the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency Regarding Attendance at Meetings and the Term of Office for Officers
Project Summary: The CRA desires to revise its Bylaws to reflect updates to and compliance with applicable laws, regulations and Board practices.
Purpose of Resolution: To adopt amendments to the Bylaws regarding attendance at meetings to comply with Camden City Ordinance MC-5039 and to eliminate a term limit on officers.
Award Process: N/A
Cost Not To Exceed: N/A
Total Project Cost: N/A

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WHEREAS, the Camden Redevelopment Agency (the CRA) has adopted Bylaws for the purpose of governing the CRA and conducting its affairs; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 01-15-14C the CRA adopted a fully revised set of Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017 the City of Camden adopted Ordinance MC 5039 which requires that all members of agencies, authorities and boards appointed by the Mayor or City Council attend public meeting in person with only limited exceptions as set forth in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the CRA must amend Article VI Section 9 of its current Bylaws regarding attendance at meetings in order to be in compliance with City of Camden Ordinance MC 5039; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to bylaws attached as Exhibit A implements the provisions of City Ordinance MC 5039 and complies with that ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the current bylaws includes the following sentence which sets a limit on the terms of office that can be served by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer of the Agency: "Officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office."

WHEREAS, the above limit on terms of office is not consistent with Board practice and should be deleted from the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, written notice of the proposed amendments to bylaws set forth in this resolution have been provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days before the Board's vote on the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency hereby adopts the amendment to the Bylaws of the Agency that is set forth in Exhibit A and further adopts an amendment to the bylaws that deletes the above quoted sentence relating to the terms of officers, and that the Executive Director of the Agency distribute a set of revised Bylaws that includes the changes approved in this resolution to all employees and officers of the CRA; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Jose Javier Ramos

SECONDED BY: Maria Sharma

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Marilyn Torres			
Sheila Davis	V		
Vance Bowman			
Ian Leonard			
Javier Ramos	V		
Maria Sharma	V		

Sheila Davis
Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

Olivette Simpson

Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta, Esq., Board Counsel

EXHIBIT A

Article VI

SECTION 9. Attendance at Meetings.

- (a) All members of the CRA Board shall be physically present to attend and participate in all meetings of the CRA Board at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon in any way. This shall include all Caucus meetings and all Regular meetings of the CRA Board.
- (b) The only exception to the requirement set forth in Section 9 (a) is for those circumstances that would (1) likely result in substantial harm to the public interest, thus requiring the holding of an emergency meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; and (2) in which a member's corporeal presence is not possible and his/her participation can only be obtained by means of communications equipment.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board shall record all communications equipment (e.g. telephonic or video) at such emergency meetings.