

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$15,000 FROM THE RENT STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT SENTINEL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S RENT INCREASE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$120,000

WHEREAS, an Agreement with Project Sentinel was executed on July 1, 2019, to administer the City's Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance (RRSO) and the Mobile Home Space Rent Stabilization Ordinance (MRSO) and to provide administrative support, develop a curriculum and provide education regarding tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, and mediation and arbitration services to resolve disputes regarding rent increases in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, as a result of local and state-level State of Emergency declarations and local and state Shelter-in-Place orders, many tenants experienced sudden income loss and further income impacts, leaving tenants vulnerable when existing declarations and state and local eviction moratoria are lifted; and

WHEREAS, ongoing economic pressure on both tenants and landlords is contributing to an increase in petitions allowed under the RRSO and MRSO; and

WHEREAS, Project Sentinel requires additional funding to meet the increased petition volume and to maintain services as required by the RRSO and MRSO; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Rent Stabilization Fund balance (Fund 286) and authorizes the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Project Sentinel, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to add \$45,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2023

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward