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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Jeff Britz, City Manager
Date: February 28, 2013
Subject: Appointment of Laurie Avedisian as City Attorney

Item # 3C

Discussion:

Lozano Smith, the law firm with which the City has maintained a contractual relationship since 2008 for City Attorney Services, has proposed that Laurie Avedisian be appointed as City Attorney taking over for Jerome Behrens.

Ms. Avedisian is familiar with the City of Lemoore, and has actively been involved with assisting the City in legal matters over the past year, primarily in areas related to the dissolution of redevelopment, and our ongoing negotiations with the State Department of Finance.

More information about her background can be found on the Lozano Smith website:

http://www.lozanosmith.com/attorneys_bio.php?id=77

In addition to Laurie Avedisian, other attorneys from Lozano Smith will remain involved in supporting our legal needs. This will include Dale Bacigalupi, who routinely advises on areas relating to land use and law enforcement, David Wolfe, who is the point of contact related to the Wal-Mart environmental impact report, and Jeff Kuhn and Jenell Van Bindsbergen, who have both provided services to the City in the past.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That the City Council, by motion, appoint Laurie Avedisian as City Attorney for the City of Lemoore.