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Hon. Steve Weisz and
Members of the Select Board
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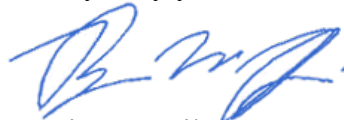
Re: Town Counsel – Termination of Services

Dear Members of the Select Board:

As you know, there have been issues over the past several weeks, and even extending back to when we began serving the Town last September, revealing significant differences of approach amongst the members of the Select Board. This situation continues to significantly compromise our ability to serve the Town and receive appropriate direction in order to carry out our responsibilities as Town Counsel. We have frequently received conflicting requests for opinions or advice, notwithstanding our insistence that the Board consider and adopt a revised Town Counsel Contact Policy just over four months ago. Regrettably, the recent investigative report appears to have made this complicated situation even worse.

Please be advised, therefore, that we feel we have no choice but to resign our appointment as Monterey Town Counsel. We are not involved in any active litigation, which should make a transition less complicated. I realize that Annual Town Meeting is less than a month away, and you may have difficulty locating successor counsel to serve during this important time of year. We propose, therefore, to continue our services through the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2022 as needed, but not beyond that date. Nonetheless, you should begin seeking a successor Town Counsel immediately. We will continue to provide services to the best of our ability through that date, but we will only respond to requests made through the Select Board Chair consistent with the Town Counsel Contact Policy, which policy I have attached hereto for your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Brian W. Riley

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