



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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NYC Conflicts of Interest Board
2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010
New York, New York 10007

RE: Extension of Consulting Arrangement with Yoel Lebel

Honorable Members of the Board:

This letter serves to notify the Conflicts of Interest Board (“COIB”) that, in accordance with COIB Rule 1-07(d), the Department of City Planning (“DCP”) intends to continue to retain former employee Yoel Lebel as a consultant. Mr. Lebel’s employment with DCP terminated on October 31, 2022, at which time his annual salary was \$99,430.00. On December 8, 2022, DCP notified you that Mr. Lebel would be retained as a consultant for the purpose of dealing with mainframe issues as well as any major Geosupport software changes that may arise, such as debugging software issues, and conducting trainings of the internal workings of the Geosupport software to assist the CitywideGeo team with a smooth transition.

Accordingly, DCP retained Mr. Lebel from December 21, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for such purpose. DCP wishes to continue to retain Mr. Lebel and extend his contract for one year, through June 30, 2024, as the above-referenced work has been intermittent and is ongoing. Continuing to retain Mr. Lebel is necessary for the same reasons I previously expressed – because he possesses technical skills and subject-matter expertise that other DCP employees do not. Specifically, Mr. Lebel has been personally and substantially involved in the development of and updates to Geosupport software and related mainframe applications. Mr. Lebel has been part of the development team for Geosupport and has played a key role in its development and in efficiently addressing issues with it.

Under DCP’s consulting arrangement, Mr. Lebel would be compensated at a rate of \$54.42 per hour, which is substantially equal to his annual salaried rate when he was employed at DCP, not to exceed 367 hours.

Please be advised that I support the extension of the consulting-back arrangement between DCP and Yoel Lebel, as described above. If you have any questions, please contact Alison McCabe, Deputy Counsel, at amccabe@planning.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Garodnick".

Daniel R. Garodnick

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