



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
BRAD LANDER

January 22, 2025

Milton L. Williams, Jr.
Chair
NYC Conflicts of Interest Board
2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010
New York, NY 10007

Re: Retaining Former Public Servant Divya Sundaram as a Consultant

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to New York City Charter § 2604(d)(6), and in accordance with COIB Rules Section 1-07(d)(1)(v), I write to disclose that the Comptroller's Office directly retained Divya Sundaram, a former public servant, as a consultant, within one year of the termination of her City service, to work on particular matters that she was personally and substantially involved.

Ms. Sundaram, former Director of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs, resigned from City service effective January 10, 2025, and will be self-employed.

The Comptroller's Office retained Ms. Sundaram to work as a consultant on or about January 13, 2025. The expectation is that Ms. Sundaram will work approximately 12 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$74, through March 4, 2025, though there is a possibility that the time-period is extended.

Retaining Ms. Sundaram complies with COIB Rules Section 1-07(d)(1)(i) - (iv). Until a replacement is hired, the Comptroller's Office will need continuity during the vacancy and training period. Ms. Sundaram will continue handling the Office's stated workplan to be responsive to harmful policies implemented by the new federal administration. Moreover, the Comptroller's Office anticipates that January to early-March will be the most active months of the workplan and will require the Comptroller's Office to have sufficient capacity, which is why Ms. Sundaram's services are necessary. Additionally, Ms. Sundaram did not have any direct reports and there are no other members of the intergovernmental team, so she largely holds the relationships and knowledge necessary to act. Ms. Sundaram possesses subject matter expertise not otherwise available among other employees, so the agreement serves as bridge until her replacement is hired & fully trained. Ms. Sundaram will be compensated at a rate of \$74 per hour. This hourly rate is comparable to Ms. Sundaram's final salary of \$105,000 because it amounts to the hourly breakdown of her final salary and benefits.

Sincerely,

Brad Lander
New York City Comptroller