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CONSULTANT LISTS

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Presently SJC Department of Community Development and Planning (CD&P) maintains a consultant list for select professions with expertise pertaining to development. Recent requests to add consultants and expand the represented categories have prompted a review of current practices.

ANALYSIS:

While the consultant lists maintained by CD&P have been presented with disclaimer of knowledge of the proficiency of the individuals or corporations represented on the lists, and explicitly does not endorse them, it still may be construed by some individuals as a de facto endorsement, as a form of constructive reliance on the local jurisdiction having authority.

The number of potential fields of consultants and experts that could reasonably be utilized during a development project is rather extensive. When a request is considered to include a group or category of consultants, it opens the door to additional requests for inclusion on the CD&P lists.

No legal requirement exists to maintain consultant lists. To develop, update, and maintain a list of consultants related to development services represents an unfunded service that is otherwise carried out by conventional advertising methods.

POLICY:

Effective immediately, SJC CD&P will not maintain consultant lists for any professions, development related or otherwise. Any requests or inquiries for professional services, consulting service providers, or similar, will be referred to conventional advertising sources.