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**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AMENDED JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT
ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY**

This Fourth Amendment ("Fourth Amendment") to the Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement is made and entered into by and between the following public entities (collectively referred to as "members"): Aliso Viejo, Buena Park, Cypress, Dana Point, Irvine, La Palma, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Placentia, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, and Yorba Linda (collectively referred to as "Cities" and individually as "City") and the County of Orange (referred to as the "County"), each of whom is a member of the Joint Powers Authority, Orange County Fire Authority ("the Authority"). This Fourth Amendment requires the approval of two thirds of the members to go into effect, and it shall be effective when approved by a sixteenth member.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Authority presently provides fire protection, prevention and suppression services and related and incidental services (collectively, "Fire Services") to Cities as well as to the unincorporated area of the County and State Responsibility Areas ("SRA"); and

WHEREAS, the County and several of the Cities entered into a Joint Powers Authority Agreement to form the Authority as of February 3, 1995, pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title I (commencing with Section 6500) of the Government Code of the State of California ("Joint Powers Statutes"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Powers Statutes the members are authorized to jointly provide for the methods of the provision of Fire Services, including the method of financing the provision of Fire Services; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 1999, the members entered into an amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement ("1999 Amended Agreement") which superseded all prior agreements between the members and is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 1999 Amended Agreement the members provided for the provision of Fire Services and the joint financing of Fire Services; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2010, the members entered into the First Amendment to the Amended Joint Powers Agreement (“First Amendment”) which amended several provisions of the 1999 Amended Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2012, the City of Santa Ana joined the Authority and became a party to the 1999 Amended Agreement and the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2013, the required number of member agencies approved the Second Amendment to the Amended Joint Powers Agreement (“Second Amendment”) which amended several provisions of the 1999 Amended Agreement. However, a final court judgment subsequently invalidated the Second Amendment, so the Second Amendment became, and remains, inoperative; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2015, the required number of member agencies approved the Third Amendment to the Amended Joint Powers Agreement (“Third Amendment”) to eliminate alternative Board Directors;

WHEREAS, the Amended Joint Powers Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment and Third Amendment, is referred to herein as the “Amended Joint Powers Agreement And Its Operative Amendments”;

WHEREAS, the members wish to adopt this Fourth Amendment to the Amended Joint Powers Agreement And Its Operative Amendments to formalize the OCFA’s commitment to its “snowball” accelerated pension liability paydown plan on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the members agree to amend the Amended Joint Powers Agreement And Its Operative Amendments as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. *Article IV of the Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement And Its Operative Amendments is amended to add Section 7, to read as follows:*

7. Payments to Reduce Unfunded Pension Liability.

A. Except as provided in subsection C, the OCFA Board shall appropriate funds in its budget annually consistent with, or greater than, the budgetary payments called for in the “snowball” accelerated pension liability paydown plan approved by the OCFA Board of Directors on September 26, 2013, and amended on November 19, 2015, November 17, 2016, and March 23, 2017.

B. Payments will be greater than those appropriated in the OCFA’s budget annually when triggered by a Net General Fund Surplus (per the Financial Stability Budget Policy). Payments from the “Net General Fund Surplus” are hereby deemed as derived from revenues received by overfunded structural fire fund cities as determined by the equity calculation required under Article IV, Section 4 – Equity.

C. Appropriations and payments required by subsection A and B may be reduced to the extent the Board determines, by vote approved by two-thirds of the Board, is necessary to address a fiscal hardship.


1) For purposes of this section, “fiscal hardship” shall refer to a substantial reduction in OCFA anticipated revenue and/or a significant increase in anticipated expenses that are beyond the reasonable control of the OCFA Board.

2. *This Fourth Amendment amends the 1999 Amended Agreement And Its Operative Amendments, and except as specifically amended herein, the 1999 Amended Agreement And its Operative Amendments shall remain in full force and effect.*

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

Dated: 2-19-19

By: 

Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 

City Attorney

Dated: 3/26/19

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