

**JOINT PLANNING BOARD OF THE
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST**

RESOLUTION JPB-001-26

RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE 2026 PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Demarest Joint Planning Board (the “Board”) is in need of professional legal services to serve as the attorney for the Board; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Federico, Esq. from the firm Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC, has submitted a proposal to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of a professional services contract for such services without competitive bidding by reason that such services constitute “professional services” which are services rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it would be in the best interest of the Board to award a contract for such services to Danielle Federico, Esq. of the firm Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC based on her experience pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 as a “Fair and Open” contract as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid contract shall be subject to adequate funds therefor pursuant to the 2026 Budget of the Borough of Demarest.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board that Danielle Federico, Esq. of the firm Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC be retained to provide professional legal services for the Board for the term commencing on January 1, 2026, for 1 year or until a successor is appointed, and that the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute, and the Board Secretary

to attest, an Agreement to carry out the foregoing, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection, subject to the approval thereof by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Danielle Federico, Esq. of the firm Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice to be published in the manner provided by law setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the Agreement and that the resolution and Agreement are on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

ATTEST:


 Michael Greco, Secretary

SO APPROVED:


 Timothy Woods, Chair

BOROUGH OF DEMAREST JOINT PLANNING BOARD

VOTE REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF THE 2026 PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY

BOARD MEMBER	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	N/E
Mr. Adelman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Brenner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Chin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiSclafani	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman Fox	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Lerner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Mamdani	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jiang (Alt #1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Hamilton (Alt #2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Alevrontas (Alt #3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Bernstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Woods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of Approval: January 7, 2026