

## CENTRAL COUNCIL Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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## Executive Council of the Central Council TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

## Resolution EC 24-98

Title: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for Acquisition of Madison Avenue Property

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 37,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida seeks to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") to acquire the property located at 5301 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, California (the "Property") from the Blake S. Snider Trust (the "Seller"); and

WHEREAS, the Seller requires a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for dispute resolution purposes in order to execute the Agreement (the "Limited Waiver") and;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 4 of Tlingit & Haida's constitution states that waivers of sovereign immunity are "disfavored" and are only to be granted when it is "necessary to secure a substantial advantage or benefit to Tlingit & Haida;" and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property is necessary to secure a substantial advantage or benefit to Tlingit & Haida and its citizens in and around the Sacramento area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby determines that the Limited Waiver, as described below, is necessary to secure a substantial benefit to Tlingit & Haida and to effectuate the Agreement for the purpose of acquiring the Property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby expressly, unequivocally, and irrevocably waives its sovereign immunity from suit and will not raise sovereign immunity as a defense in a judicial action brought therein by Seller, subject to the following limitations:

1. The Limited Waiver is strictly limited to the Agreement that is the subject of this Resolution;

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2. The Limited Waiver is solely in favor of Seller and shall not apply or extend to any other person, agency, entity, or party, including, without limitation, Seller's heirs, assigns, successors, officers, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries, direct or indirect;

- 3. The Limited Waiver does not waive the immunity of Tlingit & Haida's officers, employees, agents, citizens, and Community Councils;
- 4. The Limited Waiver is not to be construed as a waiver of or consent to the attachment, execution, levy, encumbrance, or other judicial process upon:
  - a. any real property, or interest in any real property, of Tlingit & Haida or its subentities, whether held in fee, in trust for the benefit of Tlingit & Haida or any tribal citizen by the United States, or as restricted fee simple land; or
  - b. any federal, state, or grant funds held, or to be received, by Tlingit & Haida, in trust or otherwise;
- 5. The Limited Waiver applies solely to claims or causes of action asserted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California; provided, however, that if for any reason that court lacks jurisdiction over the matter, the suit may be heard in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento; and
- 6. Notwithstanding any applicable statute of limitations or other applicable law, the Limited Waiver shall be enforceable only for the term of the Agreement and for one (1) year after its termination, and only as to claims and causes of action arising during the term of the Agreement.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

**CERTIFY** 

President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST** 

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata