

**RESOLUTION NO. 3643-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR  
TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS  
FOR REDWOOD EMPIRE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND AND CALIFORNIA  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK AUTHORITY FORMERLY KNOWN AS PUBLIC  
AGENCY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, rather than purchase commercial insurance through a commercial insurance carrier, the Town of Windsor participates in an intergovernmental arrangement through which a group of cities and towns (referred to as the members) contribute to a shared fund that pays for liability and workers' compensation claims and provides risk management services. That fund is often commonly referred to as a pool. Pools are empowered to exist through the sections of the California Government Code known as joint powers authority (JPA), which allow two or more like entities to pool funds to pay for claims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Windsor is currently a member of the pool named the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF). The pool functions as an extension of the Town of Windsor and is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of members in the pool; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund has explored a strategic partnership with Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California (PARSAC), which ultimately led to a proposed merger between the two organizations. Rather than one pool merging into the other, the Board of Directors for the pools directed the creation of a new pool – the California Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Authority (CIRA). There will be benefits in sharing resources, sharing expenses and drawing on strengths. Benefits also include succession planning, more robust, stable programs, shared training resources, long-term program sustainability, and eliminating redundancies. While a merger could have realized savings to the members of both pools, the intent of a merger between PARSAC and REMIF is to have long-term stability, sustainability and added depth and breadth to agencies, with a singular goal of better serving the members; and

**WHEREAS**, after over a year of in-depth analysis of such a merger, the Board of Directors for both pools directed the merger of the organizations, effective 07/01/2021, creating a new pool, CIRA. To proceed, the individual members must seek adoption of the CIRA agreements.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor hereby approves the CIRA Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws as well as the REMIF Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December 2020, by the following vote:**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, LEMUS,  
VICE MAYOR SALMON AND MAYOR FOPPOLI**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

  
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**DOMINIC FOPPOLI, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
  
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**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**