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The following constitutes the order of the Court.

Signed: May 6, 2025

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Creditors***UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION**

Case No. 23-40523 WJL

Chapter 11

*In re:*THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,

Debtor.

**ORDER GRANTING THE
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION TO
EMPLOY BERKELEY RESEARCH
GROUP, LLC AS CONSULTANT AND
EXPERT WITNESS****[RE: Dkt. No. 1895]**

Upon consideration of the *Supplemental Application to Employ Berkeley Research Group, LLC as Consultant and Expert Witness* (the “**Supplemental Application**”), through which Lowenstein Sandler LLP (“**Applicant**”), as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland (the “**Debtor**”) requests entry of a supplemental order, under sections 327, 330 and 1103 of title 11 of the United States

Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), authorizing and approving the retention and employment of Berkeley Research Group (“**BRG**”) to provide the Additional Services on behalf of the Committee; and upon the (i) *Declaration of Paul N. Shields in Support of the Supplemental Application* (the “**Supplemental Declaration**”); (ii) *Application to Employ Berkeley Research Group, LLC as Financial Advisor for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Effective as of June 23, 2023* (the “**Retention Application**”) [Dkt. No. 289]; (iii) *Declaration of Matthew K. Babcock in Support of the Application* [Dkt. No. 290]; and (iv) *Supplemental Declaration of Matthew K. Babcock in Support of the Application* [Dkt. No. 323]; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Supplemental Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and consideration of the Supplemental Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court being satisfied that BRG represents no interest adverse to the Debtor’s estate; and it appearing that the Additional Services to be provided by BRG are required; and the Debtor and the Committee having agreed to modify the relief granted in the Application as set forth herein; and after due deliberation thereon, and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor:¹

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Supplemental Application is granted.
2. The *Order Approving the Employment of Berkeley Research Group, LLC as Financial Advisor for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Effective as of June 23, 2023* [Dkt. No. 330] is hereby supplemented and amended as set forth herein.
3. Applicant is authorized to retain and employ BRG to provide the Additional Services as described in the Supplemental Application, with such employment effective as of April 1, 2025.

¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Supplemental Application.

1 4. Notwithstanding anything in the Application or this Order to the contrary, BRG
2 will not conduct any appraisals of real estate as all such appraisals shall be done by Stout Risius
3 Ross, LLC as set forth in the order granting its retention application.

4 5. Notwithstanding anything in the Application or this Order to the contrary, if BRG
5 values any assets titled in the name of a non-Debtor that are not being sold, transferred under, or
6 otherwise used to fund, the *Debtor's Third Amended Plan of Reorganization* (or any amendments
7 thereto), BRG shall bill all such services and expenses related thereto to a unique category so that
8 such fees may be tracked separately from its other fees and expenses. The allowance of any such
9 fees and any expenses incurred in connection therewith shall not be paid or allowed until a further
10 ruling of this Court.

11 6. BRG shall continue to apply for compensation of professional services rendered
12 and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Chapter 11 Case as set forth in the
13 Supplemental Application and the Original BRG Retention Order and in compliance with the
14 provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and
15 orders of this Court.

16 7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, or the Supplemental
17 Application, the Court is not approving terms and conditions of BRG's employment under 11
18 U.S.C. § 328(a).

19 8. BRG shall provide reasonable notice to the Debtor and the U.S. Trustee of any
20 increase of BRG's hourly rates as set forth in the Retention Application.

21 9. All objections to the Supplemental Application or the relief requested therein that
22 have not been made, withdrawn, waived or settled, and all reservations of rights included therein,
23 are overruled.

24 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from
25 or related to the implementation of this Order.

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1 11. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, this Order
2 shall be immediately effective and affordable upon its entry.

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4 **END OF ORDER**
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6 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

7 FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

8 By: /s/ Matthew Lee
9 Matthew Lee

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