

Agenda Report

April 23, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO SIGN THE GENERAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A JOBS ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY (METRO)**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the purchase of this vehicle is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. The addition of two buses to serve an existing route is a negligible expansion of an existing use. The buses will provide two additional vehicles during the AM and PM peak commuting periods and will not add additional routes or changes in service; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or the Director of Transportation to sign the General Certifications and Assurances required to submit a Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant application to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Transportation has identified an opportunity to secure transit funding through a Los Angeles County Metro grant program. Staff has prepared an application seeking \$1.9 million from the JARC grant program to fund a much needed Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) service expansion in Northwest Pasadena. This grant opportunity comes at a time when people are seeking employment and need affordable transportation to job opportunities. In the last few years transit agencies, including the Pasadena ARTS, have had to reduce service due to the reduction in sales tax based funding sources. Securing the grant will significantly improve access to jobs to Pasadena residents.

Specifically, the \$1.9 million grant would provide for the purchase of one additional bus and three years of operating funds to increase the frequency on the Pasadena ARTS Route 20. The grant funds will provide the operating cost necessary to operate the new bus all day as well the all-day operation of a bus that is currently only in service during the AM and PM peak hours. With the grant funding the frequency of the Route 20 (how often a bus arrives at a stop) would be reduced from 35 minutes to 24 minutes throughout the day. This route is one of our systems most heavily used, since it serves one of the most densely populated areas where residents depend on public transit in the City of Pasadena. This route also provides access to local business, commercial, retail, medical and other core employment areas. The need for this service has been identified through the ridership data, direct observations and surveys, the recent Short Range Transit Plan process, as well as extensive community outreach conducted as part of the Mobility Element update.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the following goals of the City Council's Strategic Plan: Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure; Increase Conservation and Sustainability; and Improve Mobility and Accessibility throughout the City. The JARC grant will directly assist the Department of Transportation in implementing the two major objectives of the Mobility Element; Promote a livable community and encourage non-auto travel.

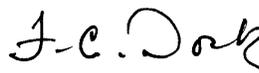
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding for the JARC program comes from the Federal Transit Administration and does require a local match. However, the state of California has accumulated a pool of matching funds from vehicle toll revenues from toll highways and bridges that can be used to satisfy the local match requirements for this program. The net impact to the City of Pasadena is that there are no City funds required as local match for this program. If the grant is awarded, staff will return to City Council for authorization to lease and/or purchase the additional vehicles and any amendments to the ARTS operating contract needed to provide the increased operating hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Department of Transportation

Prepared by:



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Transportation Administrator

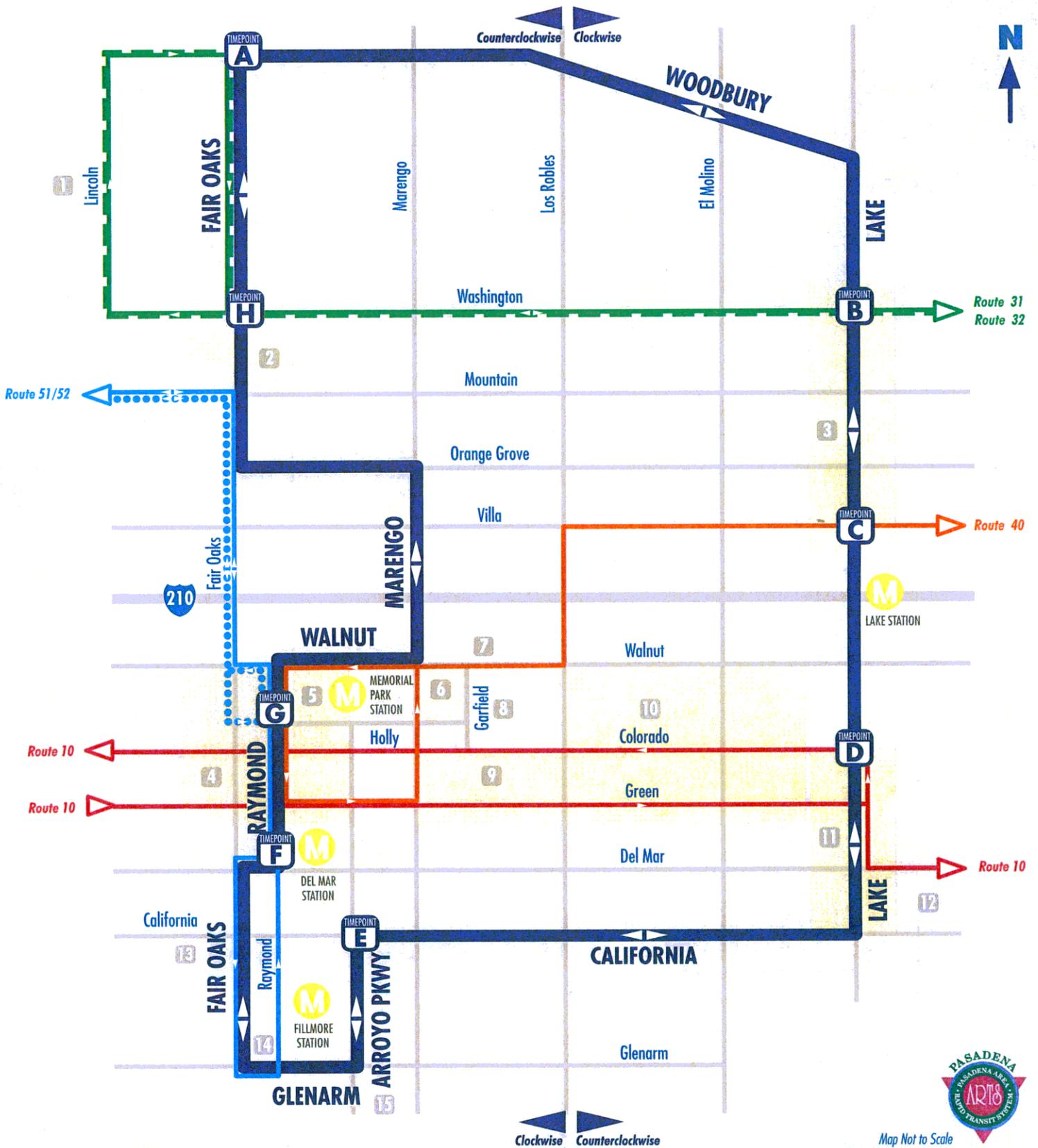
Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

Attachments:

ARTS Route 20 Map
Poverty Level and Unemployment Map



Map Not to Scale

20 ROUTE

PASADENA ARTS Area Rapid Transit System

ROUTES

- RT 10
- RT 20
- RT 31
- RT 32
- RT 40
- RT 51/52
- RT 51 SAT ONLY

TIME POINTS

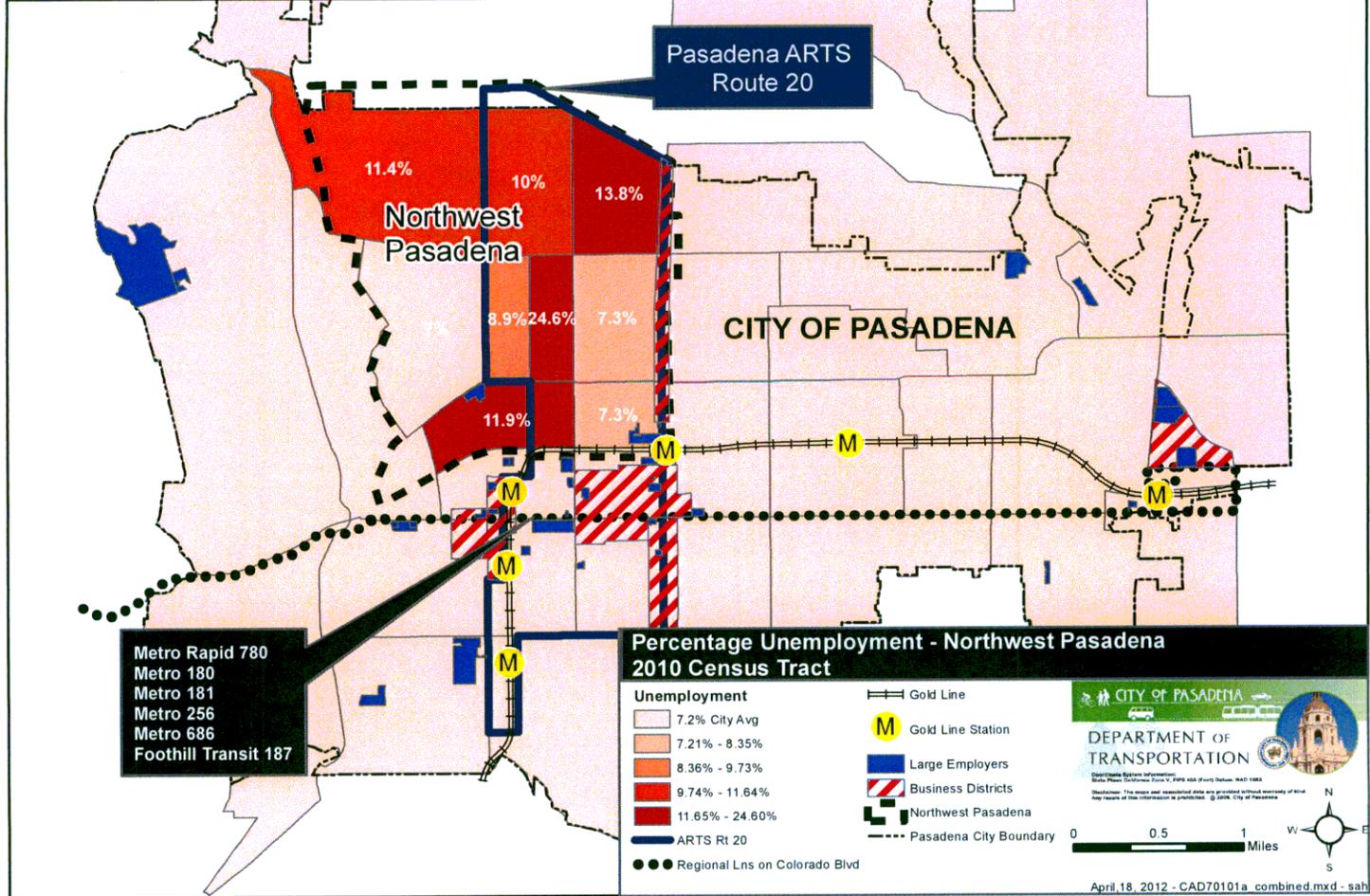
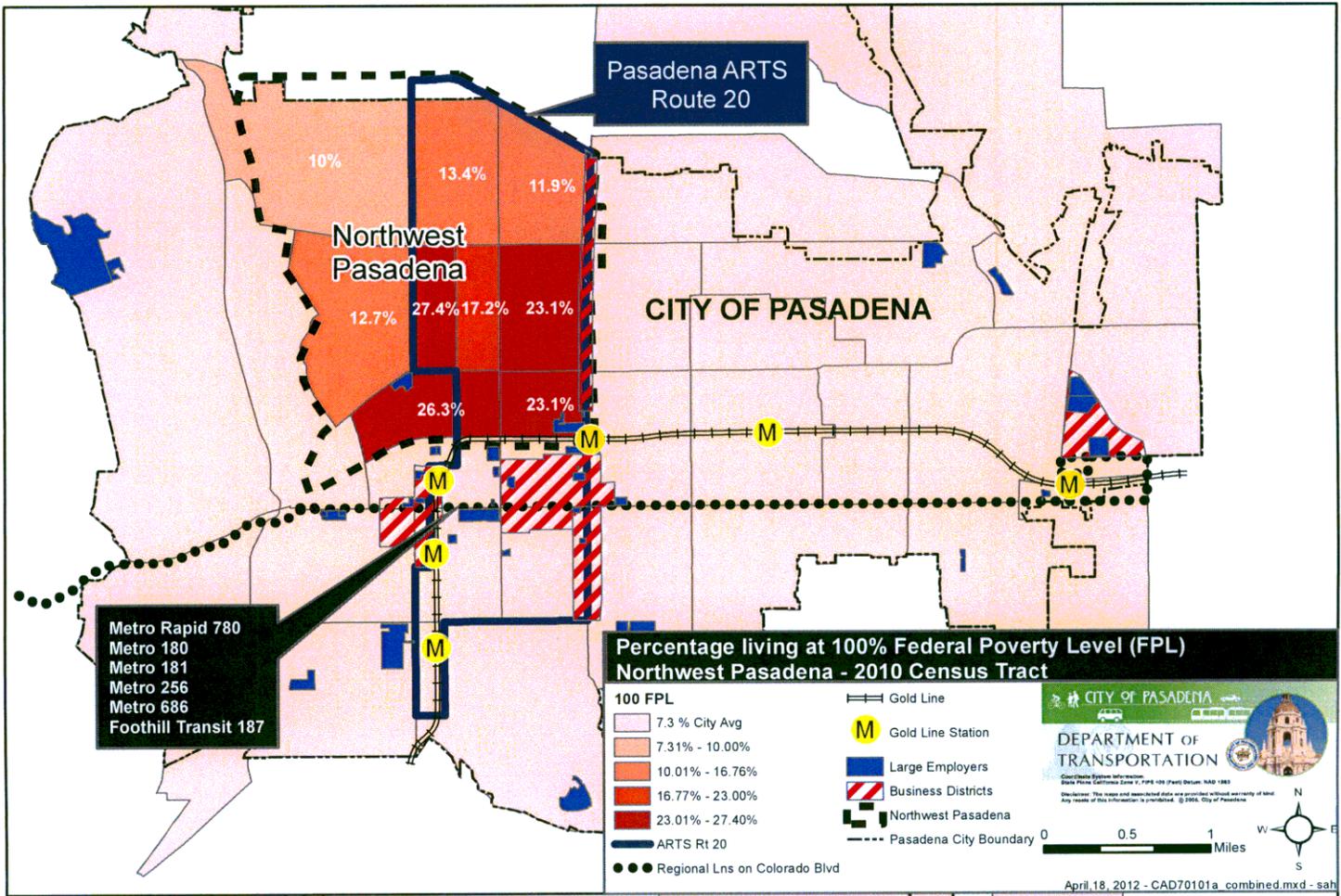
- Woodbury & Fair Oaks
- Lake & Washington
- Lake & Villa
- Lake & Colorado
- Arroyo Pkwy & California
- Raymond & Del Mar Station
- Raymond & Holly
- Fair Oaks & Washington

RAIL

- METRO
- Gold Line
- Station

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Muir High School
- Jackie Robinson Park/Center
- N. Lake Business District
- Old Pasadena
- Pasadena Senior Center
- Civic Center
- Central Library
- City Hall
- Paseo Colorado/Pasadena Conference Center
- Playhouse District
- S. Lake Business District
- California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
- Huntington Mem. Hospital
- Art Center College of Design South Campus
- Blair High School



RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (hereinafter Metro) has released a Fiscal Year 2012 Solicitation for Proposals for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has identified the need for additional local transit to improve access to jobs for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena assures that no person, on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability shall be excluded from participating in, or denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any project, program, or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) for which the applicant receives Federal assistance funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena assures that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or disability and that it shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena certifies that it will conduct any program or operate any facility that receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance administered by FTA in compliance with all applicable requirements imposed by or pursuant to 49 CFR Part 27, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or

Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance”, and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, at 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena assures that it will comply with the Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and administrative requirements, which relate to applications made to and grants received from FTA. The applicant acknowledges receipt and awareness of the list of such statutes, regulations, executive orders, and administrative requirements provided as references in FTA Circular 9045.1 - New Freedom Program Guidance and Application Instructions -and in FTA Circular 9050.1 - JARC Program Guidance and Application Instructions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena certifies that the contracting and procurement procedures that are in effect and will be used by the applicant for Section 5316 and 5317 equipment are in accordance and comply with the significant aspects of FTA Circular 4220.1F, "Third Party Contracting Guidelines"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena certifies that any proposed project for the acquisition of or investment in rolling stock is in conformance with FTA rolling stock guidelines ; and
WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena certifies that it will comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR Part 605 pertaining to school transportation operations which prohibits federally-funded equipment or facilities from being used to provide exclusive school bus service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena certifies that it will comply with Government Code 41 U.S.C.701 et seq, and 49CFR, Part 32 in matters relating to providing a drug-free workplace; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pasadena City Council authorizes the City Manager or the Director of Transportation to sign the General Certifications and Assurances

required to submit a Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant application to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2012 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for  11/19/12

BRAD FULLER
Assistant City Attorney