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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES WITH: (A)
FOCUSED ADVOCACY, TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND SERVICES
FOR AN EIGHTEEN-MONTH TERM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$8,500 PER MONTH; (B) TEXAS LOBBY GROUP, TO
PROVIDE SERVICES FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500 PER MONTH; AND (C) MARC A.
RODRIGUEZ TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR A ONE-YEAR
TERM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500 PER MONTH;
ALL WITH RENEWAL TERMS SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL
APPROVAL.**

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WHEREAS, for more than 35 years, the City has contracted professional services for State representation to supplement the City's state legislative advocacy efforts and to advance and protect the City's interests in Austin, Texas and increasingly challenging budget constraints and a political environment make it imperative for local communities to have strong advocates at the state level to enhance the City's ability to communicate with elected officials on San Antonio community's key legislative issues, provide regular interaction with City Council and staff on issues in the City's State Legislative Program and provide strategic advice and planning to maximize our community's efforts to secure passage or funding for the City's priority initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City's current contract for year-round state legislative representation services terminated on September 30, 2015 and the City issued a Request for Proposals for State Representation Services on September 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a total of five proposals were received from interested firms and the Evaluation Committee interviewed all five firms and recommended contracting with Focused Advocacy as the City's lead firm and also contracting with Texas Lobby Group and Marc. A. Rodriguez to provide support to the City's legislative efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee's recommendation was presented at the Intergovernmental City Council Committee on March 8, 2016, and the Committee voted to bring the recommendation before the full City Council; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of Professional Services Agreements for State Representation Services with Focused Advocacy, to provide year-round services for an eighteen-

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month term beginning April 1, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500 per month, Texas Lobby Group, to provide services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 per month, and Marc A. Rodriguez to provide services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 per month, all with renewal terms subject to City Council approval, are authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to execute the Agreements, copies of which, in substantially final form, are attached as Exhibits I, II, and III.

SECTION 3. The amounts will be encumbered upon issuance of a purchase order, and payment is authorized to various vendors. All expenditures will be in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2016 and subsequent budgets that fall within the term period of these Agreements approved by City Council.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance, may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective ten days after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of March, 2016.

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek
City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda
Acting City Attorney