

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPRESENTATION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH VENABLE LLP TO
DOWNS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.**

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has retained consultants to represent its federal interests in Washington, D.C. since 1994 and increasingly challenging budget constraints make it imperative for local communities to have strong advocates at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2015, City Council authorized the Professional Services Agreement for Federal Representation Services (“Agreement”) with Venable LLP (“Venable”) for an initial term of 2 years, with Thomas C. Downs serving as the lead consultant; and

WHEREAS, Venable recently underwent changes in leadership and strategic direction and Thomas C. Downs resigned from Venable and is taking the municipal government and public entity practice to the newly formed Downs Government Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Venable LLP no longer has an interest in representing the City of San Antonio and has agreed to assign the Agreement to Downs Government Affairs; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The assignment of the Professional Services Agreement for Federal Representation Services with Venable LLP to Downs Government Affairs is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. Payment not to exceed the remaining budgeted amount is authorized to Downs Government Affairs and shall be encumbered with a purchase order.

SECTION 3. 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 February, 2016.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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02/11/16
Item No. _____

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