

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF STATE REPRESENTATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH FOCUSED ADVOCACY, TEXAS LOBBY GROUP, AND MARC A. RODRIGUEZ AND THE EXECUTION OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITH J. ANCIRA STRATEGIES.

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WHEREAS, for more than 36 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

WHEREAS, increasingly challenging budget constraints and 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, to further the interim work and prepare for the 86th Legislative Session, Focused Advocacy, Texas Lobby Group, The Offices Marc A. Rodriguez and Jesse Ancira are prepared to assist the GPA department in the creation of the City's Legislative Program and strategies for implementation beginning in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, once the 86th Legislative Session commences, the City's team will work to inform members of the State Legislature of legislation and/or regulations which could impact the City, prepare testimony and assist with the scheduling of witnesses before legislative committees, as well as providing strategic advice, coordinating with other interest groups and cities, and assisting in impacting regulatory developments to benefit the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's contracts for state legislative representation services with Focused Advocacy, Texas Lobby Group, and Marc A. Rodriguez terminated on September 30, 2017 and are all recommended for and are eligible for renewal, upon approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a new agreement with Jesse Ancira of J. Ancira Strategies for services for a one-year term is also recommended by staff, as he became a key member of our consultant team, working diligently to protect the City's interests during the 85th Legislative Special Session; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The renewal of the terms and conditions of Professional Services Agreements for State Representation Services with Focused Advocacy, to provide services for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500 per month, Texas Lobby Group, to provide services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2018, 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, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 per month, are authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. The terms and conditions of a Professional Service Agreement for State Representation Services with J. Ancira Strategies to provide services for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 per month, with no renewal option, is authorized and approved.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, or her designee, is authorized to execute Agreements in substantially the same form as those attached to this Ordinance as Exhibits I, II, III, and IV. Upon final execution, the Agreements shall be attached to this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 2018 and subsequent budgets that fall within the term period of these Agreements approved by City Council.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 9th day of November, 2017.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney