

AN ORDINANCE 2016-02-11-0090

**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:**

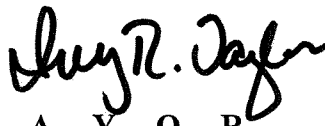
**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

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

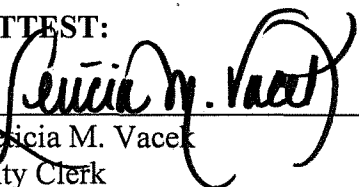
**SECTION 2.** Payment not to exceed the remaining budgeted amount is authorized to Downs Government Affairs and shall be encumbered with a purchase order.

**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.

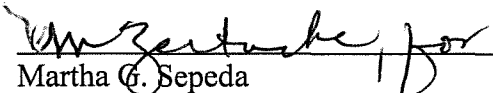
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
M A Y O R  
Ivy R. Taylor

**ATTEST:**

  
Leticia M. Vacek  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Martha G. Sepeda  
Acting City Attorney

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	29 ( in consent vote: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 14A, 14B, 14C, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32 )						
<b>Date:</b>	02/11/2016						
<b>Time:</b>	09:19:59 AM						
<b>Vote Type:</b>	Motion to Approve						
<b>Description:</b>	An Ordinance authorizing the assignment of the City's federal representation services contract with Venable LLP to Downs Government Affairs for the remainder of the contract term. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]						
<b>Result:</b>	Passed						
<b>Voter</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				
Alan Warrick	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5	x					
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				x
Cris Medina	District 7		x			x	
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				