

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Government Relations
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 20

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of professional services agreements for legislative representation services each for a one year term and for a total combined amount not to exceed \$830,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budgets of the Government Relations Office, the Solid Waste Services Department, the Austin Water Utility, Austin Energy and the Law Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal note. A fiscal note is not required.

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These contractors will provide lobbying and other professional services for the City during the 81st Legislative Session and subsequent special called sessions. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City in its efforts before the legislature. Further, they will provide additional related services as needed, including communicating on the City's behalf with State agencies. The contractors will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.