

AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

**Government Relations
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of federal representation services contracts for a total combined amount not to exceed \$270,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Government Relations Office.

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

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The purpose of these contracts is to provide consulting and other professional services in the City's interests during the 111th Congress. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City's efforts before Congress and for selected related activities requiring additional action such as communicating with federal agencies. The contractors will also assist the City with major pieces of legislation including annual appropriations which include local earmark requests, modifications to Austin's requests as the surface transportation legislation moves forward, Cap and Trade legislation, and any additional job creation legislation. The consultants will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.