## Thursday, November 18, 2010

## Government Relations RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of contracts for state legislative representation services for a total combined amount not to exceed \$740,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budgets of the Government Relations Office, the Solid Waste Services Department, the Austin Water Utility, and Austin Energy.

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

These contractors will provide lobbying and other professional services for the City during the 82nd 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.