



**Outside Counsel
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10
AGENDA DATE: Thu 10/20/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to the legal services agreement with RENEA HICKS regarding Cause No. 2:03CV354; *Walter Session, et al. v. Rick Perry, et al.*, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$57,500.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$12,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Economic Development Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Law
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This amendment increases the amount of the contract with Renea Hicks for legal services concerning a challenge to the recent Congressional redistricting of Texas, including Austin.

The Law Department contracted with Mr. Hicks on November 7, 2003. The original contract amount was \$30,000; administrative approval was granted on April 26, 2004 in the amount of \$10,000, and on November 23, 2004 in the amount of \$5,000, for a total amount of \$45,000, under the department's administrative authority. Additional payment authority of up to \$12,500 is necessary to pay fees for litigation resulting from this lawsuit, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$57,500. This increase is anticipated to cover projected expenses through the end of this year.