



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7
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SUBJECT: Approve negotiation and execution of professional service contracts to provide legislative representation services for a total combined amount not to exceed \$942,000, with one 12-month extension option for each contract in a total combined amount not to exceed \$942,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Management Services Department, 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.

REQUESTING Management Services - **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Government Relations **AUTHORIZATION:** John Hrcir
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The purpose of these contracts is to provide lobbying and other professional services in the City's interests for the 79th Interim Legislative Session and subsequent special called sessions and the City's federal legislative program with an extension option to provide state representation services during the regular 80th Legislative Session. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City's efforts before the legislative session and for selected related activities requiring additional action such as communicating with state and federal agencies. The contractors will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.