

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 37908 Agenda Number 48.

Meeting Date: 11/20/2014 Department: Legal

### Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Renea Hicks for legal services related to Eddie Rodriguez, et al v. Rick Perry et al, Cause No. SA-11-CA-635-OLGJES-XR [Consolidated case], in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio, in the amount of \$40,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$288,000.

## Amount and Source of Funding

\$40,000 is available in the Law Department Operating Budget.

### Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 22, 2011 - Approved an increase in the legal services agreement.  December 15, 2011 - Approved an increase in the legal services agreement.  March 8, 2012 - Approved an increase in the legal services agreement.  May 22, 2014 - Approved an increase in the legal services agreement.
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### Additional Backup Information

This lawsuit involves congressional redistricting. The City hired outside counsel Renea Hicks, an expert in this area of the law, to represent the City in this complex litigation. This new increase is necessary due to the continued litigation.