

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	49657	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Government Relations
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**Subject**

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of state legislative representative services contracts for a total combined amount not to exceed \$860,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating Budgets of various city departments.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Karen Kennard, 512-974-2177.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

The purpose of these contracts is to provide consulting and other professional services to the City during the 84th Interim Legislative Session and any special called sessions. The consultants will be responsible for assisting the City with efforts relating to executive, legislative, or administrative matters occurring in the executive, legislative, or administrative branches of state government. This assistance includes but is not limited to monitoring state agency rulemaking and state agency implementation of adopted legislation. The consultants communicate with statewide elected officials, state legislators, and state agency personnel on issues of importance to the city; and attend interim legislative hearings. They also monitor state legislative interim committees, including reviewing proposed interim legislative committee charges and reports and providing advice to the City on any necessary responses to interim legislative charges or reports. The interim activities of these consultants help advance the interests of the City as it prepares for the 85th legislative session.