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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION	NO.	C	.M	.S

RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACTS WITH TOWNSEND PUBLIC AFFIARS TO CONTINUE SERVICES AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S STATE LOBBYIST FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$252,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$556,500 AND TO CONTINUE SERVICES AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S FEDERAL LOBBYIST FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$144,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$312,000, AND WAIVING ADVERTISING AND THE RFP PROCESS FOR EACH CONTRACT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland desires to complement its state advocacy efforts in the California State Legislature and with the Governor and its federal legislative advocacy efforts in the United States Congress and Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assemble and organize pertinent information, facts and data relating to legislative matters affecting the City and its interests and to present and disseminate such information to legislative bodies, executive officials of the state and federal government and other bodies, commissions, committees and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the services above primarily involve state and federal legislative and administrative advocacy and the assistance of individuals in such matters who will best serve the interests of this City; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2014 the Council awarded a contract to Townsend Public Affairs to serve as the City's state legislative lobbyist from May 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015, and awarded a contract to Townsend to serves as the City's federal legislative lobbyist from June 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015 (Resolution No. 84839); and

**WHEREAS,** the state lobbyist contract was awarded pursuant to request for proposal/qualifications process in 2009 (Resolution No 82022), and was extended in 2011 to April, 2013 (Resolution No. 83660); and

**WHEREAS**, the federal lobbyist contract was awarded pursuant to request for proposal/qualifications process, in 2011 from May, 2011 through May, 2013 (Resolution No. 83395); and

- WHEREAS, staff recommends that it is in the City's best interest to waive the advertising and request for proposal/qualifications process and approve extensions for the contracts with Townsend Public Affairs for state and federal lobbyist services because it is necessary to maintain lobbyist services while the City conducts advertising and solicits proposals for the issuance of new contracts for these services; and
- **WHEREAS**, Oakland Municipal Code Section 2.04.051.B authorizes the City Council to waive the advertising and request for proposal/qualifications process upon a finding that it is in the City's best interests to do so; and
- **WHEREAS**, staff recommends extending Townsend's state lobbyist contract from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2017 for compensation in an amount not to exceed \$252,000 for the additional two year's work; and
- **WHEREAS**, staff recommends extending Townsend's federal lobbyist contract from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2017, for compensation in an amount not to exceed \$144,000 for the additional two year's work, and
- **WHEREAS,** funding for these contacts is available m the General Purpose Fund (1010). Non- Departmental Citywide Activities Organization (90591), Miscellaneous Contract Services (54919) Federal Lobbyist Project (P49400) and the State Lobbyist Project (P49300); and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined that the aforementioned contracts are of a professional and temporary nature and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; now therefore be it
- **RESOLVED:** That the City Council finds and determines, based on City Administrator's report and information above that the aforementioned contracts with Townsend Public Affairs are of a professional and temporary nature and shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive process; and be it
- **FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Council approves extension of the contract with Townsend Public Affairs for state lobbying work from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$ 252,000, for a total contract amount to \$556500, and be it
- **FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Council approves extension of the contract with Townsend Public Affairs for federal lobbying work from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$144,000, for a total contract amount of \$312,000, and be it
- **FURTHER RESOLVED**: That, for the reasons stated in the City Administrator's report accompanying this item and above, the City Council hereby finds and determines pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code Section 2.04.051.B, that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the advertising and request for proposal/qualifications processes for the state lobbyist and federal lobbyist contracts and extend Townsends lobbyist contracts and so waives the requirements; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That said agreements shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file at the Office of the City Clerk. IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California