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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: December 8, 2015

Subject: Amend & Extend State Legislative Contract with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Administrator, or designee to amend a contract with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP, effective January 1, 2016, to extend the term from December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2016 and increase the payment limit by \$180,000 to a new payment limit of \$720,000 for continued state advocacy services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for state advocacy services is included in the FY 2015-16 budget. (100% General Fund)

BACKGROUND:

The law firm of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni ("Nielsen Merksamer") has extensive experience in the field of governmental advocacy regarding legislative, administrative and legal issues directly affecting counties. Nielsen Merksamer is recognized for its expertise in the broad area of state and county relations, particularly fiscal relationships. The firm has been instrumental in the development and advancement of the County's state legislative platform.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/08/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: December 8, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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The contract terms specified in the RFP indicated a two year contract with three one-year renewal options. This request would be the second one-year renewal request.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County would not have state advocacy services.