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To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: October 24, 2017

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, 2018, to extend the term from December 31, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and increase the payment limit by \$180,000 to a new payment limit of \$1,080,000 for continued state advocacy services, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for state advocacy services is included in the FY 2017-18 budget. (100% General Fund)

BACKGROUND:

The 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 for many years.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/24/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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: October 24, 2017

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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The Legislation Committee considered the matter at its September 11, 2017 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend a contract extension for one year, to allow staff sufficient time to conduct a procurement process for new contract effective January 1, 2019.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County would not have state advocacy services.