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September 4, 2024

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Bill Edmonds
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorization to renew contract for government affairs services

PROPOSED ACTION: Seek authorization to contract with Bluestone Strategies to continue government relations consulting services for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Council contracted with Chris Huckleberry of Bluestone Strategies in July 2023.

Mr. Huckleberry has provided invaluable services for the Council including helping us deliver on a highly successful Council trip to Washington D.C., leading ongoing contacts with Congressional members and staff, and in providing a useful government affairs perspective for the Council and staff. Going forward, Mr. Huckleberry will continue to engage on behalf of the Council with the Congressional delegation and other policy makers.

This contract is for government relations services for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. The total amount paid by the Council under this contract cannot exceed \$125,000 without modification.