



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: County Executive  
Office  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: 10/17/06  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimate Time: 45 minutes on 10/24/06  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Contact Info: Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant CEO, 568-3400

**SUBJECT: Annual State Legislative Report and Contract Renewal , All Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

- A. Set the hearing for October 24, 2006 for 45 minutes to receive an annual report from Governmental Advocates, Inc. regarding legislative efforts at the State level.
- B. On October 24, 2006, receive a report from Governmental Advocates, Inc.
- C. On October 24, 2006, authorize the County Executive Officer to extend the State Legislative Advocacy Contract with Governmental Advocates, not a local vendor, for the period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007.

**Summary:**

One component of the County's legislative program has been the use of an advocate at the state level to advise the County about pending legislation and assist the County in formulating strategies surrounding legislation that would potentially impact the County. Governmental Advocates, Inc has served as the County's legislative advocate since 1995 and has developed an expertise in understanding the issues that face the County.

**Background:**

This item is before the Board to (1) inform the Board of the key legislative actions that transpired at the State level, including the passage of bills that directly impacted the County and (2) renew the existing contract with Governmental Advocates, Inc. for another year.

**Performance Measures:**

For the recent legislative session, Governmental Advocates, Inc. was instrumental in the passage of Assembly Bill 2265, which extends the sunset date of the "Maddy" Emergency Medical Services Fund for two years. The

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Maddy Fund, which is funded by surcharges on local court fines, provides about \$1.6 million to the County’s emergency medical and trauma care system. Governmental Advocates, Inc. worked diligently on the County’s behalf for the passage of two other bills that will benefit the County: (1) AB 1634, which will reimburse the County the \$1 million it incurred for the 2005 statewide special election and (2) SB 10, which helps facilitate the transfer of courthouses to the State.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes     No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 62,044.00	\$ 62,044.00	
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 62,044.00	\$ 62,044.00	\$ -

**Narrative:**

The contract proposed for renewal with Governmental Advocates, Inc. reflects no change in the contract terms or amount. The contract amount remains at \$62,044, which includes a monthly retainer of \$4,962 and total expenses of \$2,500.

**Staffing Impact(s):**

Legal Positions:  
0

FTEs:  
0

**Special Instructions:**

**Attachments:**

No attachments at this time. A report from Governmental Advocates will be forthcoming before the October 24, 2006 meeting.

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**cc:** Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates, Inc.