



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

November 4, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-00956

RE: Consider recommendations regarding a one-year Extension to the Federal Advocate Contract with Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc., as follows:

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc. for Federal advocacy services to extend the contract term to December 31, 2026 and increase the contract amount by \$100,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$400,000.00; and

b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) because it consists of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino