



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: January 13, 2015  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) : Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer *Me*  
Contact Info: Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer, 568-3400 *n*  
**SUBJECT:** State Advocate Contract Renewal (Governmental Advocates, Inc.)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize a three-year contract with Governmental Advocates, Inc. for State advocacy services for the period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017 at a maximum cost of \$194,200 for the three-year term; and
2. 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.

**Summary Text:**

Each year the Board of Supervisors identifies specific issues, projects and/or programs (priorities) that warrant targeted legislative advocacy and includes these priorities as part of its legislative platform for the upcoming calendar year. Once the platform is adopted by the Board, staff determines various legislative strategies centered on the identified priorities such as enacting or amending legislation, creating partnerships with federal agencies and exploring funding opportunities. One component of the County's legislative strategy has been to utilize the advocacy services of Governmental Advocates, Inc. to assist the County in implementing the legislative platform at the state level.

**Background:**

This item is before the Board to: (1) approve and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Governmental Advocates, Inc. for State advocacy services for a three-year term not to exceed **\$194,200** (the first year shall not exceed **\$62,600.00**); and (2) receive a report on the key legislative actions that transpired at the state level.

A State advocate is advantageous to the County because there are approximately 5,000 bills introduced by the State legislature each year, with the bills representing the key issues and interests of legislators from the entire State. The content of many of these bills change when they enter the political arena in Sacramento. During the last several years, the budget process in Sacramento has been fluid and resulting in the introduction of various budget proposals that impact the County. Governmental Advocates, Inc. helps County staff stay abreast of the specific bills and budget proposals that would either benefit or adversely impact the County and advocates on behalf of the County to the Legislature and the Governor.

**Performance Measure:**

The performance of the advocate will be assessed by obtaining feedback from members of the Board of Supervisors, department directors and the County's elected representatives regarding the professionalism, timeliness and quality of assistance rendered by the advocate in performing the scope of work articulated above. Other measures that will be examined include the number of bill sponsors secured, the number of bills enacted and the deviation from original conceptual language to the enacted version of the legislation should the County submit legislative language/propose new bill for consideration as part of its annual legislative platform. The achievement of objectives contained within the legislative platform (such as maintained or increased program funding, legislative or regulatory changes, improved relationships with agencies, etc.) will also be examined annually.

A report of what Governmental Advocates, Inc. has accomplished while retained by the County of Santa Barbara is attached.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Budgeted

The total contract cost for Governmental Advocates, Inc. for the three-year term will be a maximum of \$194,200 (with an annual increase not to exceed 3.5% for CPI). The first year will not exceed \$62,600.00, which includes a monthly retainer of \$5,044 and annual travel expenses not to exceed \$2,000.

A survey of benchmark counties was conducted and of the responders, the Santa Barbara County State advocacy contract cost was found to be comparable.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Key Contract Risks:**

The County of Santa Barbara has significant experience with Governmental Advocates, Inc. and there have been no significant issues. The contract has low risk.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board to forward one fully executed original contract and minute order to: County Executive Office, Attn.: Sonia Thompson.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement for Services of Independent Contract

Attachment B: Contract Summary

Attachment C: Governmental Advocates, Inc. Accomplishments

**Authored by:**

Joseph Toney, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, County Executive Office, 568-3400

**CC:**

Cliff Berg and Monica Miller, Governmental Advocates, Inc.

## AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

**THIS AGREEMENT** (hereafter Agreement) is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter COUNTY) and **Governmental Advocates, Inc.** with an address at **1127 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, California** (hereafter CONTRACTOR) wherein CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and COUNTY agrees to accept the services specified herein.

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced, and competent to perform the special services required by COUNTY and COUNTY desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms, covenants, and conditions herein set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

### **1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE**

Terri Nisich, Asst. County Executive Officer at phone number (805)568-3400 is the representative of COUNTY and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of COUNTY. Governmental Advocates, Inc. at phone number (916)448-8240 is the authorized representative for CONTRACTOR. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

### **2. NOTICES**

Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by personal delivery or facsimile, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To COUNTY:

Terri Nisich, Asst. County Executive Officer  
County of Santa Barbara-County Executive Office  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 406  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

To CONTRACTOR:

Governmental Advocates, Inc.  
Attn.: Cliff Berg & Monica Miller  
1127 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, California

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed as meaning that either party agrees to service of process except as required by applicable law.

### **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide services to COUNTY in accordance with EXHIBIT A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

### **4. TERM**

CONTRACTOR shall commence performance on January 1, 2015 and end performance upon completion, but no later than December 31, 2017 unless otherwise directed by COUNTY or unless earlier terminated.

**5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR**

In full consideration for CONTRACTOR's services, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Billing shall be made by invoice, which shall include the contract number assigned by COUNTY and which is delivered to the address given in Section 2 NOTICES above following completion of the increments identified on EXHIBIT B. Unless otherwise specified on EXHIBIT B, payment shall be net thirty (30) days from presentation of invoice.

**6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

It is mutually understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees), shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent contractor as to COUNTY and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of COUNTY. Furthermore, COUNTY shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which CONTRACTOR shall perform its work and function. However, COUNTY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONTRACTOR is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a COUNTY employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and save COUNTY harmless from all matters relating to payment of CONTRACTOR's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may be providing services to others unrelated to the COUNTY or to this Agreement.

**7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE**

CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, expertise, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature, which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR's profession. CONTRACTOR shall correct or revise any errors or omissions, at COUNTY'S request without additional compensation. Permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by CONTRACTOR without additional compensation.

**8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

CONTRACTOR certifies to COUNTY that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or county government contracts. CONTRACTOR certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred or suspended.

**9. TAXES**

CONTRACTOR shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work under this Agreement and shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. COUNTY shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on CONTRACTOR's behalf, and should COUNTY be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, CONTRACTOR agrees to promptly reimburse COUNTY for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. These taxes shall include, but not be limited to, the following: FICA (Social Security), unemployment insurance contributions, income tax, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

**10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no employment or interest and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR. COUNTY retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by CONTRACTOR if COUNTY determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR in writing.

**11. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

COUNTY shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, all photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials, and any material necessary for the practical use of such items, from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. CONTRACTOR shall not release any of such items to other parties except after prior written approval of COUNTY.

Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A, CONTRACTOR hereby assigns to COUNTY all copyright, patent, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights to all data, documents, reports, photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials prepared or provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement (collectively referred to as "Copyrightable Works and Inventions"). COUNTY shall have the unrestricted authority to copy, adapt, perform, display, publish, disclose, distribute, create derivative works from, and otherwise use in whole or in part, any Copyrightable Works and Inventions. CONTRACTOR agrees to take such actions and execute and deliver such documents as may be needed to validate, protect and confirm the rights and assignments provided hereunder. CONTRACTOR warrants that any Copyrightable Works and Inventions and other items provided under this Agreement will not infringe upon any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party. CONTRACTOR at its own expense shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless COUNTY against any claim that any Copyrightable Works or Inventions or other items provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder infringe upon intellectual or other proprietary rights of a third party, and CONTRACTOR shall pay any damages, costs, settlement amounts, and fees (including attorneys' fees) that may be incurred by COUNTY in connection with any such claims. This Ownership of Documents and Intellectual Property provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo or any variation of such name or logo in any publicity, advertising or promotional materials. CONTRACTOR shall not use COUNTY's name or logo in any manner that would give the appearance that the COUNTY is endorsing CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall not in any way contract on behalf of or in the name of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall not release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning the COUNTY or its projects, without obtaining the prior written approval of COUNTY.

**13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION**

All of COUNTY's property, documents, and information provided for CONTRACTOR's use in connection with the services shall remain COUNTY's property, and CONTRACTOR shall return any such items whenever requested by COUNTY and whenever required according to the Termination section of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR may use such items only in connection with providing the services. CONTRACTOR shall not disseminate any COUNTY property, documents, or information without COUNTY's prior written consent.

**14. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW**

CONTRACTOR shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of CONTRACTOR's profession and shall maintain such records for at least four (4) years following the termination of this Agreement. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. COUNTY shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during CONTRACTOR's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of the COUNTY or as part of any audit of the COUNTY, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Govt. Code Section 8546.7). CONTRACTOR shall participate in any audits and reviews, whether by COUNTY or the State, at no charge to COUNTY.

If federal, state or COUNTY audit exceptions are made relating to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse all costs incurred by federal, state, and/or COUNTY governments associated with defending against the audit exceptions or performing any audits or follow-up audits, including but not limited to: audit fees, court costs, attorneys' fees based upon a reasonable hourly amount for attorneys in the community, travel costs, penalty assessments and all other costs of whatever nature. Immediately upon notification from COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the amount of the audit exceptions and any other related costs directly to COUNTY as specified by COUNTY in the notification.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions as set forth in EXHIBIT C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**16. NONDISCRIMINATION**

COUNTY hereby notifies CONTRACTOR that COUNTY's Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code) applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the ordinance were specifically set out herein and CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with said ordinance.

**17. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTOR understands that this is not an exclusive Agreement and that COUNTY shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services as those provided by CONTRACTOR as the COUNTY desires.

**18. NON-ASSIGNMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of COUNTY and any attempt to so assign, subcontract or transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect and shall constitute grounds for termination.

**19. TERMINATION**

A. By COUNTY. COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for COUNTY's convenience, for nonappropriation of funds, or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill the obligations herein.

1. **For Convenience.** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR shall, as directed by COUNTY, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing

unnecessary services or activities and by minimizing negative effects on COUNTY from such winding down and cessation of services.

2. **For Nonappropriation of Funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted by federal, state or COUNTY governments, or funds are not otherwise available for payments in the fiscal year(s) covered by the term of this Agreement, then COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR of such occurrence and COUNTY may terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part, with or without a prior notice period. Subsequent to termination of this Agreement under this provision, COUNTY shall have no obligation to make payments with regard to the remainder of the term.
  3. **For Cause.** Should CONTRACTOR default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, COUNTY may, at COUNTY's sole option, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify COUNTY as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by CONTRACTOR, unless the notice directs otherwise.
- B. By CONTRACTOR. Should COUNTY fail to pay CONTRACTOR all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B, CONTRACTOR may, at CONTRACTOR's option terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by COUNTY within thirty (30) days of written notice to COUNTY of such late payment.
- C. Upon termination, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to COUNTY all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, except such items as COUNTY may, by written permission, permit CONTRACTOR to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for satisfactory services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall CONTRACTOR be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial information as in the judgment of COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR, the decision of COUNTY shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

## 20. SECTION HEADINGS

The headings of the several sections, and any Table of Contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

## 21. SEVERABILITY

If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**22. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE**

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to COUNTY is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.

**23. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence in this Agreement and each covenant and term is a condition herein.

**24. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT**

No delay or omission of COUNTY to exercise any right or power arising upon the occurrence of any event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Agreement to COUNTY shall be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient in the sole discretion of COUNTY.

**25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT**

In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by the parties to this Agreement and by no other means. Each party waives their future right to claim, contest or assert that this Agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver or estoppel.

**26. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

All representations, covenants and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

**27. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State and Federal ordinances and statutes now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of CONTRACTOR in any action or proceeding against CONTRACTOR, whether COUNTY is a party thereto or not, that CONTRACTOR has violated any such ordinance or statute, shall be conclusive of that fact as between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.

**28. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the County of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara County, if in federal court.

**29. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

30. **AUTHORITY**

All signatories and parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which CONTRACTOR is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

31. **SURVIVAL**

All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.

32. **PRECEDENCE**

In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the numbered sections of this Agreement and the provisions contained in the Exhibits, the provisions of the Exhibits shall prevail over those in the numbered sections.

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Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and **Governmental Advocates, Inc.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date executed by COUNTY.

**ATTEST:**

Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**  
**County Executive Office**

**CONTRACTOR:**  
**Governmental Advocates, Inc.**

By:   
Department Head

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Michael C. Ghizzoni  
County Counsel

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

Robert W. Geis, CPA  
Auditor-Controller

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

By:   
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

County Executive Office

**CONTRACTOR:**

Governmental Advocates, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head

By:   
Authorized Representative

Name: Cliff Berg

Title: President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Michael C. Ghizzoni  
County Counsel

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

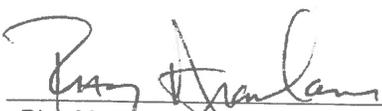
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Deputy County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Risk Management

By:   
Risk Management

## EXHIBIT A

### STATEMENT OF WORK

CONTRACTOR will perform all services in accordance with the terms and requirements of this exhibit.

CONTRACTOR will perform the federal advocacy services noted below for COUNTY in fiscal years 2015-2017 (January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017) pertaining to the County's annual legislative platform for 2015, 2016, 2017.

The scope of work is a general guide to the work the County expects to be performed by the federal/state advocate, and is not a complete listing of all services that may be required or desired.

1. Advise County of the political and financially feasibility of the annual legislative platform and develop appropriate strategies in consultation with County staff to address the projects/programs/policy issues contained within the annual legislative platform. Where strategies include developing coalitions with other counties, cities and/or organizations, serve as County liaison to facilitate such coalitions and partnerships.
2. Preparation of legislative platform and associated materials/correspondence related to platform:
  - a. Advocate will advise on organization, formatting, content, tone, etc. of materials and assist with presentation of briefing materials;
  - b. Work with staff to compile necessary materials;
  - c. Assist in the actual drafting of any proposed legislation (primary for State advocate); and
  - d. Issue letters and other correspondence pertaining to the legislative platform, including issuing letters on behalf of the County on specific bills/legislation of interest to County that emerges through legislative session. Copies of any letters/correspondence sent on behalf of the County should be sent to the County CEO staff via email or hard copy.
3. Assist in submittal of federal funding requests including researching funding history and providing information pertaining to appropriations bills, department, and account information needed to complete funding submittal forms. Liaison with other advocates on shared projects with neighboring cities, counties, and organizations to ensure consistency of information contained within funding request.
  - a. For State propositions pertaining to bond funding and other infrastructure investment, advocate for inclusion of County specific projects within text of proposition or accompanying implementation legislation. Advise on implementation guidelines and communicate to agencies and representatives on development of guidelines that represent County's interest.
4. Proactively monitor pending legislation pertaining to legislative platform and legislative guiding principles and keep County staff apprised of legislation.
  - a. Work in consultation with County staff to identify issues for the agenda of the Legislative Program Committee (LPC), including identifying no more than 20 bills for the LPC to consider supporting/opposing each month.
  - b. Participation via teleconference with members of the County's Legislative Program Committee monthly.
  - c. Submit monthly written report on update of issues of interest to the County, including actions taken by advocate to address these issues. Electronic copy should be sent to County CEO staff at least seven working days before scheduled LPC meeting.

5. Represent the County in Washington, DC or Sacramento as applicable to communicate the County's legislative platform, including potential impacts of budget proposals, to the appropriate elected representatives of Congress/Legislature, key Committee members, federal/state agencies and other organizations as needed, including NACO and CSAC. Participate via teleconference as needed with district offices of elected representatives and federal/state agencies.
6. Participate in the crafting of itineraries and facilitating meetings with Washington, DC and Sacramento delegation and appropriate agencies for members of the County's Board of Supervisors and other County staff as needed.
7. Travel to Santa Barbara County as needed, with a minimum of one visit a year. Annual visit will include meetings with Board members and department directors and staff as well as a verbal presentation (and submittal of accompanying written report) to the Board of Supervisors during its regularly scheduled public meeting to report on activities and outcomes of the legislative platform.

### **MONITORING OF PERFORMANCE**

The performance of the advocate will be assessed by obtaining feedback from members of the Board of Supervisors, department directors and the County's elected representatives regarding the professionalism, timeliness and quality of assistance rendered by the advocate in performing the scope of work articulated above. Other measures that will be examined include the number of bill sponsors secured, the number of bills enacted and the deviation from original conceptual language to the enacted version of the legislation should the County submit legislative language/propose new bill for consideration as part of its annual legislative platform ( State advocate). The number of projects funded and the funding amounts will be two measures also tracked (federal advocate). The achievement of objectives contained within the legislative platform (such as maintained or increased program funding, legislative or regulatory changes, improved relationships with agencies, etc.) will also be examined annually.

Cliff Berg and Monica Miller shall be the individual(s) personally responsible for providing all services hereunder. CONTRACTOR may not substitute other persons without the prior written approval of CONTRACTOR's Designated Representative.

**Suspension for Convenience.** COUNTY may, without cause, order CONTRACTOR in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under this Agreement in whole or in part for up to 30 days. COUNTY shall incur no liability for suspension under this provision and suspension shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

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**EXHIBIT B****PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS  
Periodic Compensation**

- A. For CONTRACTOR services to be rendered under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid a total contract amount, including cost reimbursements, not to exceed \$ **194,200.00 for the three-year contract**.
- B. Payment for services and /or reimbursement of costs shall be made upon CONTRACTOR's satisfactory performance, based upon the scope and methodology contained in **EXHIBIT A** as determined by COUNTY. Annual travel costs shall not exceed \$2,000. Air travel should be conducted using coach fare and dining, lodging, gas, and other incidentals require an itemized receipt. Dining expenses should not exceed the County's per diem policy which is a daily per diem allowance for meals of \$66 a day or fees and tips for porters, baggage carriers, bell staff, and housecleaning staff, are only reimbursable within the daily per diem rate.
- C. Monthly CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE an invoice or certified claim on the County Treasury for the service performed over the period specified. The monthly invoice amount for the first year and subsequent years, will reflect a cost-of-living adjustment over the previous year, but not to exceed 3.5% per year, to be effective January of each year. The adjustment shall be calculated when the prior year's annualized Los Angeles CPI-U is available. The monthly invoice amount for the first year shall reflect the cost-of-living adjustment but not to exceed **\$5,044.00 per month**. These invoices or certified claims must cite the assigned Board Contract Number. COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE shall evaluate the quality of the service performed and if found to be satisfactory shall initiate payment processing. COUNTY shall pay invoices or claims for satisfactory work within 30 days of receipt of correct and complete invoices or claims from CONTRACTOR.
- D. COUNTY's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of COUNTY's right to require CONTRACTOR to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.

## EXHIBIT C

### Indemnification and Insurance Requirements

#### INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by COUNTY) and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligation applies to COUNTY's active as well as passive negligence but does not apply to COUNTY's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. This Indemnification provision shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the CONTRACTOR, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

##### A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

##### B. Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the COUNTY
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against the COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention
6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best’s Insurance Guide rating of “A- VII”.
7. **Verification of Coverage** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the COUNTY before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR’s obligation to provide them. The COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time
8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, COUNTY has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement.
9. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of COUNTY to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of COUNTY.

## Board Contract Summary

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For use with Expenditure Contracts submitted to the Board for approval. Complete information below, print, obtain signature of authorized departmental representative, and submit this form, along with attachments, to the appropriate departments for signature. See also: *Auditor-Controller Intranet Policies->Contracts*.

D1.	Fiscal Year .....	FY 2014-15
D2.	Department Name .....	County Executive Office
D3.	Contact Person .....	Terri Maus-Nisich
D4.	Telephone .....	805-568-3400

K1.	Contract Type (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Service <input type="checkbox"/> Capital	
K2.	Brief Summary of Contract Description/Purpose.....	Legislative Advocacy at the State level
K3.	Department Project Number.....	
K4.	Original Contract Amount.....	\$ 194,200.00
K5.	Contract Begin Date.....	January 1, 2015
K6.	Original Contract End Date .....	December 31, 2017
K7.	Amendment? (Yes or No).....	No
K8.	- New Contract End Date .....	
K9.	- Total Number of Amendments .....	
K10.	- This Amendment Amount.....	\$
K11.	- Total Previous Amendment Amounts.....	\$
K12.	- Revised Total Contract Amount .....	\$

B1.	Intended Board Agenda Date .....	January 13, 2015
B2.	Number of Workers Displaced (if any) .....	
B3.	Number of Competitive Bids (if any).....	
B4.	Lowest Bid Amount (if bid) .....	
B5.	If Board waived bids, show Agenda Date.....	
	and Agenda Item Number .....	
B6.	Boilerplate Contract Text Changed? (If Yes, cite Paragraph).....	

F1.	Fund Number .....	0001
F2.	Department Number.....	012
F3.	Line Item Account Number.....	7510
F4.	Project Number (if applicable) .....	
F5.	Program Number (if applicable) .....	6000
F6.	Org Unit Number (if applicable).....	
F7.	Payment Terms.....	Net 30

V1.	Auditor-Controller Vendor Number.....	
V2.	Payee/Contractor Name.....	Governmental Advocates, Inc.
V3.	Mailing Address.....	1127 11th Street, Suite 400
V4.	City State (two-letter) Zip (include +4 if known).....	Sacramento, CA 95814
V5.	Telephone Number .....	916-448-8240
V6.	Vendor Contact Person.....	Angie Sahnd
V7.	Workers Comp Insurance Expiration Date .....	3/15/15
V8.	Liability Insurance Expiration Date .....	1/13/16
V9.	Professional License Number .....	
V10.	Verified by (print name of county staff).....	

V11 Company Type (Check one):  Individual  Sole Proprietorship  Partnership  Corporation

I certify information is complete and accurate; designated funds available; required concurrences evidenced on signature page.

Date: 12-23-14 Authorized Signature: Jette Y. Christiansson

Governmental Advocates, Inc. (GA) has been pleased to represent the County of Santa Barbara (County) as professional legislative advocates before the Administration, Legislature and state agencies for the last sixteen years. As you know, we have had the pleasure of representing you since 1995 and have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with the Board of Supervisors as well as with the CEO's office.

### **Legislation/Issues that we worked on in 2013-14 Session**

In 2013-14 legislative session we introduced one bill and worked on a few budget issues on behalf of the Board.

- AB 65 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which would allow the penal code to catch up with modern day life.
- Funding for Lake Cachuma
- Funding for our Low Income Health Program

We successfully moved AB 65 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which was a reintroduction of AB 765 from the last session. This bill was introduced at our request by the Assembly Member on behalf of our DA, Joyce Dudley and is part of the Board of Supervisor's platform. The bill has had bi-partisan support both this year and last year session. AB 765 was held in the Senate Public Safety Committee on June 28, 2011 due to concerns that the bill would create a new crime. This measure will allow the penal code to catch up with modern day life related to sexually violent crimes and allow for DA's to properly prosecute offenders. There has been some significant media around the issue that AB 65 intends to fix; the bill was signed into law on September 9, 2013.

We also worked very closely with the Legislature and the Administration to secure funding for Lake Cachuma; throughout the summer we worked closely with the Governor's staff and our delegation to achieve a fix. Our delegation was briefed regularly by the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Finance, and the Department of Public Health. While we understood that were not eligible for the current emergency drought legislation, we hoped to find a path to success. We were successful at reaching an agreement to obtain funding through various departments to ensure that Lake Cachuma could get the money needed to complete the necessary projects to ensure reliable water supply for the County.

In 2013 we worked on the implementation of the Medi-Cal Optional Expansion that was agreed to in AB 85 as part of the budget discussions. While the bill moved through we were successful at getting an audience with decision makers to discuss our specific concerns. Once they understood our problem, they cleared the way for language to go into the clean-up bill to address our issues. However, there was a local agreement reached that will address our concerns so we were no longer in need of a clean-up fix. Fortunately for us this was addressed, once other counties had time to review the ramifications of AB 85 they realized how detrimental it was locally and now the clean-up

bill has been halted, so the local fix worked out to be the best for Santa Barbara. This saved the County more than \$5 million annually.

### **Legislation that we worked on in 2011-12 Session**

In 2011-12 Legislative Session we have introduced five sponsored bills per the request of the Board. Those bills were:

- AB 412 by Assembly Member Das Williams which is the Maddy Fund bill
- AB 537 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which is the Highway 154 bill
- AB 765 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which is the sexual crimes bill
- AB 1141 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which is the elections bill (this one is a spot bill, your elections officials are still working out the details of the best approach to saving the county money)
- AB 1356 by Assembly Member Mike Eng (D-LA) which is the Wine Tasting Room bill

One of our sponsored bills is AB 765 introduced by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian on behalf of our DA, Joyce Dudley. This measure will allow the penal code to catch up with modern day life related to sexually violent crimes and properly prosecute offenders. This bill is currently pending action in the Senate Public Safety Committee expected this spring.

On behalf of the County we also introduced AB 537 authored by Assembly Member Das Williams and co-sponsored with SBCAG; this is related to the highway 154 issue. The bill was parked for this year while we continued to work with CHP and others to gather the necessary data to substantiate our claims. The current status is that we are working on a resolution in an attempt to get some necessary information to be able to move this issue at a later date.

Another bill introduced by the County is AB 1356 by Assembly Member Mike Eng (D-LA); this bill is an attempt to address the local issues related to wine tasting rooms and better regulation of them in our local communities. In an effort to get the best outcomes we have decided to park this bill for now to allow further discussion on this issue to ensure we have a strong and successful bill to move forward.

We have also successfully moved AB 412 by Assembly Member Das Williams through the Legislative process; the bill did become law in 2011. The bill received bi-partisan support and will bring the county \$600,000 per year to help keep our trauma system successfully in place.

We have been working with Senator Sam Blakeslee's office to get SB 106 introduced; this bill seeks to reimburse counties for the cost of special elections. The bill was successful in the policy committee, however it was held on the Senate Suspense file this year.

**Quagga Mussels/Zebra Mussels** – while this continues to be part of the platform, there was not a formal bill introduced in 2011. We have begun meetings with our delegation on this issue and there seems to be some general interest in possibly pursuing a bill in 2012. We are continuing to work out the details and will keep you posted on the outcome.

### **Prior Years: Legislative and Funding Successes**

Over the years, GA has been successful at obtaining millions of dollars for county specific programs at the same time we have successfully saved millions of dollars on behalf of the county. Over the past 16 years we have worked closely with your delegation, committee staff, the various Administrations and State Agencies in an effort to move your legislative program forward.

GA has worked closely over the last seven years in an effort to maintain your trauma system. We worked closely with your public health department in an effort to pass SB 635 by then Senator Dunn which allowed the county to include an additional fine and penalty on driving offenses to off-set your trauma system. We then worked on extending the sunset in SB 635 through the passage of AB 2265 and continue to work this year on AB 1900, both by Assembly Member Pedro Nava, to keep that funding in tact while the Board of Supervisors works towards supplanting that funding locally. We have also successfully worked to get AB 412 by Assembly Member Das Williams introduced. The bill is currently moving through the legislative process and has received bi-partisan support in both policy committees.

Additionally, we worked on trial court funding, as the Governor proposed to reduce the amount of state support for trial courts when he submitted his budget for fiscal year 1999-2000. The Governor's plan cut that amount in half, or by \$375,000. These funds were restored as part of the final budget agreement. GA successfully worked on additional measures to ensure the State's share of costs are met with regard to trial court funding.

SB 1187 (Maddy) (1996) This bill was introduced by us on behalf of the County. The bill provided revenues to coastal cities and counties from any new oil or gas development that is located under the city's or county's jurisdiction. SB 1187 provided 20% from new wells in existing leases for specific purposes, including mitigation of adverse environmental impacts. The bill was signed by the Governor and remained in effect until the sunset in 2002.

AB 838 (Longville) (1999) This bill resolved for the County, two state controller audit findings, related to the allocation of property tax revenues for the period of 7/1/95 – 6/30/98. As a result of our getting AB 838 signed into law, the County would not be required to repay approximately \$3.2 million in property tax funds. GA worked closely with Bob Geis' office in an effort to fix an issue brought up by the State Controller in an audit which resulted in AB 838. The measure fixes two issues raised by the State Controller on the allocation of property tax revenues for the period 7-1-95 through 6-30-98. The State Controller made two findings, that Santa Barbara County overstated the

Teeter Credit and recommended that the County General Fund should refund that amount. AB 838 provides for two clarifications relating to “The Cut-Off-Date” and “The School Credit.” The two clarifications resolve fiscal questions of \$2,074,889 and \$1,119,244 for the County.

AB 612 (Jackson) (1999) The bill augmented funding approved in the State Budget for the use of State National Guard Armories as a temporary winter homeless shelters. The bill expands the dates of the armory winter shelter program to October 15 through April 15, and provides for 100 days within that time period. This bill specifically includes a special provision for Santa Barbara County to receive fund, for the winter of FY 1999-2000, to pay for an alternative cold weather shelter if the armory remains unavailable due to the reconstruction of the facility.

AB 236 (Honda) (1999) This bill deemed as correct allocated property taxes for fiscal years through 1997-98 for: a) Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District; b) Montecito Fire Protection District; and c) the Orcutt Fire Protection District. As a result of this correction, the Fire Districts were not required to repay approximately \$2.3 million in property tax previously allocated to them.

AB 1431 (Firestone) Coastal Resource Grant Program was created with this bill. The bill initially allocated over a million dollars each year. In 2000, the Department of Finance decided to reduce the grant cycle from five to four, however after we met with the Director of the Department of Finance, they reversed their decision. Again, in 2004, these grants were ready to sunset, we worked closely with budget staff and the budget chairs to get language inserted into the budget bill for another 2 year period, which provided the County with an additional \$1.3 million over those two years.

SB 241 (Alpert) (2000) Rigs to Reefs. The bill was strongly opposed by the County. While opposing the bill throughout the process the County worked successfully with the author’s office to secure a variety of amendments to improve the bill, including capping the amount of money available for research, providing the county with a share of the funds to mitigate the impact of legislation, and providing enhanced environmental findings and protections. We were successful at killing the bill on the Senate floor. The next year, the author introduced SB 1 (Alpert) which did make it through the process; however we worked closely with then Governor Gray Davis to secure a veto on the bill.

AB 24 (Maldonado) (2001) Health facilities construction and licensing requirements Santa Barbara supported this bill. AB 24 will allowed Marian Medical center to use Valley Community Hospital as their facility to accommodate the patient population. Valley Community Hospital had already begun the process of fulfilling the seismic safety standards; therefore reopening it will allow the process to move quickly.

AB 1573, by then Assembly Member Able Maldonado, which would have extended the sunset date in existing law that provides local coastal cities and counties with

environmental mitigation funding from tideland and submerged lands leases for any new oil or gas development in state tidelands within the city or county boundary. This bill was unfortunately not successful. We then were able to get the extension into a budget trailer bill by working with the budget chairs and the sub-committee chairs in each house. Given this was Governor Schwarzenegger's first budget; he specifically requested that the language come out. We worked over the next several years to get this language extended, however now there is a different position on the board on this issue.

AB 1886 (Jackson) (2002) Vehicles: school zones fines. This bill was supported by the County. The bill initiates a pilot program for the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Alameda that imposes a double fine when a violation is committed in a specified school zone. The bill is similar to the "cone zone" bill that was implanted a few years ago and has been very successful. The bill was signed into law on September 16, 2002.

AB 2777 (Nation) (2002) County Employees' retirement: death benefits. This was a Santa Barbara-sponsored bill that allows Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Marin County Board of Supervisors to amend 1937 Act Retirement Systems to provide domestic partners with various benefits available to spouses. The bill is identical to the Santa Barbara supported SB 1049 from last year by Senator Jackie Speier, which was signed into law last fall. The Governor signed AB 2777 into law on September 5, 2002. The Governor did requests that domestic partners be required to register with the Secretary of State in order to be eligible once the Board of Supervisors votes to offer these benefits.

GA has also been successful in defeating Housing Elements Compliance legislation - SB 910/SB 498 in 2002 and SB 1609 (Dunn) in 2004. SB 910/SB 498 would have severally penalized local governments if their housing elements were out of compliance. SB 1609 (Dunn) was introduced in the last days of the legislative session of 2004, this bill was a last minute attempt to try to get additional concessions after the HCD working group had achieved consensus on the housing elements issue in the form of AB 2158 (Lowenthal) and AB 2348 (Mullin). These measures would have penalized local governments if their housing elements were deemed out of conformity with the Department of Housing and Community Development's guidelines.

Another sponsored bill that we successfully moved through the process in 2007 was AB 1019 by then Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee. The bill created a process for reallocating a county's share of the regional housing need to a city in the event that unincorporated land is annexed to the city.

After AB 1019 reached the Governor's office the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) called our office to express concerns with the bill. We worked closely with them and the author to ensure the Governor would not veto the bill, as such Assembly Member Blakeslee worked with us to amend his AB 242 to fulfill a commitment made in those meetings to address their technical concerns. The bill was signed into law in April 29, 2008.

SB 1453 (Maldonado) This bill was sponsored by the County. The bill would have authorized a member of the board of supervisors of the principal county to propose a resolution to increase or decrease the number of members of the board of trustees of cemetery districts. However, after much discussion locally, it was agreed to drop this bill for now.

In 2009 we successfully ran AB 359 by then Assembly Member Pedro Nava. This will require the Department of Public Health (DPH) Every Woman Counts (EWC) Program, until January 1, 2014, to reimburse for digital mammography screening at the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for analog mammography, and allows a EWC provider to provide digital mammography when analog mammography services are not available.

SB 326 (Strickland) This bill was sponsored by the County in an effort to address the foreclosure crisis in the region while attempting to meet our RHNA needs for HCD. The measure received bi-partisan support while it moved through the process, however there were concerns expressed about HCD getting involved with the bill while our housing element was being reviewed by HCD; therefore we decided not to move the bill this year.

SB 619 (Strickland) This bill was introduced in an effort to allow the county to be eligible for flood subvention funding by the state. Your Public Works Department has worked for the last 15 years with the Federal Government (Army Corp of Engineers) to allow the Lower Mission Creek to be eligible for federal funding, once this happened we had to run a state measure to allow for the state piece to kick in. The measure received unanimous support and moved to the Governor late in the session. We are happy to report that the measure was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009. Essentially, this puts the County and Lower Mission Creek in the cue to be eligible for the funding; this program is generally funded by bond measures and both Props. 1E and 84 still have funding available so we anticipate we should receive funding relatively soon.

We also worked on AB 46 by Assembly Member Bill Monning from Santa Cruz. We discussed this bill as the possible vehicle, however at that time Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee had planned to introduce it for us. In any event, the measure would have allowed the affected counties of the SD 15 special election to do a manual count, should they chose to do so. Monterey County is the only county that opted out; there is a timing issue so the manual count does not work for them at this time. The bill was heard in Senate Elections Committee on June 17 and then was immediately heard on the Senate floor, the bill had no opposition and received unanimous support, AB 46 will now go to the Assembly for concurrence, where we anticipate the same outcome. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 22, 2010.

### **Some Examples of Budget Augmentations:**

#### **1999**

- GA has also been successful in obtaining ERAF funding for the County of Santa Barbara. In 1999, after years of combined efforts by local governments and with

a healthy budget surplus, the Legislature and the Governor agreed to return \$150 million to local government in recognition of the inequity of taking local government revenues to balance the state budget in the 1992-93 and the 1993-94 budget years. This funding was split between two pots, allowing our client to receive funds in the amount of \$385,000 on a per capita basis and \$654,813 based on the amount of the ERAF shift. We have continued to work towards restoration of these funds.

- Goleta Pier Restoration - \$110,000
- Lompoc Air Monitoring and additional Environmental Studies - \$484,000

## **2000**

In 2000, Governmental Advocates, Inc. was successful at obtaining \$17 million for the County of Santa Barbara.

- Gaviota Coast conservation easement acquisitions - \$5 million
- Elwood Bluffs Acquisitions - \$5 million
- J.J. Hollister property acquisitions of watershed - \$4 million
- Bridle Ridge conservation easement - \$3 million

## **2001**

**In 2001, Governmental Advocates, Inc. successfully obtained \$3,130,800 on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara.**

- Goleta Youth Baseball Fields - \$500,000.00.
- Santa Barbara also received funding for the Clean Beach Research Project; Rincon Beach was funded at \$500,000 and Arroyo Beach, et al at \$2 million.
- The Santa Barbara County Junior League received \$195,000 for their Clinic on Wheels
- Santa Barbara Community College District which received funds for the Gymnasium Remodel at the City College in the amount of \$163,000.

- The Youth Performing Arts Center at the Santa Barbara Junior High School Theater - \$95,000

## 2004

In 2004 Governmental Advocates, Inc. was successful in saving/funding **\$3,756,630.00** for the county of Santa Barbara through budget trailer bill language or bill amendments.

- The resources department at the state level did not have the authority to continue to fund the 16 Coastal Grants that the county received under AB 1431; this would have been a loss of **\$1,331,630** for the County. GA worked with Assembly Member Jackson's office and the budget staff to ensure that these grants were extended, therefore continuing for the next three years.
- The county wanted to be able offset the costs of the County Formation Committee we were able to secure **\$400,000** in the May Revise to offset the costs of the county formation.
- We were successful at passing SB 635 by Senator Dunn which would allow Santa Barbara to raise potentially **\$1.4** million annually for Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital based on data from prior years.
- When SB 438 was introduced to offset the fires, floods and earthquakes in southern California, Santa Barbara was not included. We worked with the author to get you included and then we were successful at bringing Assembly Member Maldonado and Senator McPherson on as co-authors of the bill. It is estimated that this bill will bring the County **\$625,000** in relief.