

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 6, 2011

SUBJECT: STOP LOBBYING IN CALIFORNIA EXCESSIVELY (S.L.I.C.E.)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the county continue the effective representation by our federal lobbyist, Tom Walters, and that the county **SLICE** out the following three state lobbying firms: Michael Corbett; Nielson, Merksamer; Cal Strategies, and retain the firm **Cline Duplissea**, that has done an *outstanding job* of lobbying on behalf of the county, and has kept board members aware of hostile county/state legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Using just one Sacramento firm, Cline Duplissea, will save the taxpayers of our County **\$400,230.** a year during these challenging economic times.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Riverside has wisely utilized lobbying firms both at the State and Federal levels to advocate on our behalf. We spend a significant amount of taxpayer money on our lobbying efforts and a review is warranted and timely. In 2011, the county contracted with the following firms for lobbying services:

<u>LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>CONTRACT ENDS</u>	<u>RENEWALS</u>
FEDERAL	TOM WALTERS	\$187,000	1/13	2
STATE	MICHAEL CORBETT	\$122,400	12/09	2
STATE	NIELSON, MERKSAMER	\$115,830	12/09	2
STATE	CLINE DUPLISSEA	\$147,600	12/11	0
STATE	CAL STRATEGIES	\$162,000	12/10	2
TOTAL FEDERAL ANNUAL COSTS FOR LOBBYING SERVICES:		\$187,000		
TOTAL STATE ANNUAL COSTS FOR LOBBYING SERVICES:		\$547,830		

The County of Riverside has been well served by the federal lobbyist, Tom Walters, who routinely visits the board policy makers here in Riverside and has been very helpful in arranging visits to Washington, DC with federal agencies and federal elected officials.

When examining the state lobbying investment, it is clear that the county is spending huge amounts of money and getting very little in return. Why does the county contract with four different firms to provide state advocacy on behalf of the county? Are the results positive? The state continues to enact unfriendly and punitive legislation in spite of the four lobbying firms under contract! With diminishing county budgets, and a legislature that is **completely dysfunctional**, using four expensive lobbying firms, with little influence in Sacramento, is no longer an effective use of taxpayer's money. The only firm that has regularly kept me apprised of state issues and sought my input is Cline Duplissea, which is the firm I am requesting we *retain*.




 Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor

3) **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Buster and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is referred back to staff to analyze legislative priorities and come back to Board with recommendations.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: Tavaglione
 Date: July 12, 2011
 xc: Supvr. Stone, State Reps., COB

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 Clerk of the Board
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(1)

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Supervisor Stone regarding Stop Lobbying In California Excessively (S.L.I.C.E.) is approved as recommended.

(2)

On Motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter be reconsidered.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on July 12, 2011 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors
Dated: July 12, 2011

(seal)

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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Deputy

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