

MEMORANDUM



COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

DATE: January 14, 2019
TO: Legislative Committee
FROM: Annette D'Adamo, Management Analyst III
CC: Nicholas E. Chiulos, Assistant County Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Federal Legislative Advocacy Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss federal legislative advocacy options with current and potential legislative advocacy firms, and provide direction to staff.

The County's federal legislative advocate, Mr. Brent Heberlee, an attorney/partner with the Nossaman LLP's Washington D.C. office, recently notified the County that he and some of his colleagues in Nossaman's Public Policy/Federal Lobbying Group were moving to the Washington D.C. law firm, Ballard Spahr LLP.

On January 8, 2019, at a special meeting of the Legislative Committee, several options were discussed regarding how to ensure that the County's short and long-term federal legislative advocacy needs continue to be met. The Committee directed staff to schedule phone interviews with both firms.

At the Special Legislative Committee on January 14, 2019 starting at 10:00 a.m., the Committee will first interview representatives from Nossaman LLP, and then interview representatives from Ballard Spahr LLP. Following these phone interviews, staff requests direction on how to proceed.