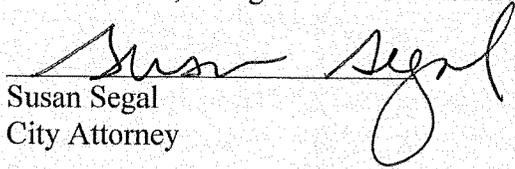




Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Attorney

Date: March 29, 2012
To: Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Subject: Ethics Officer Report Pursuant to Minneapolis City Ordinance § 15.40(b)(4)
Recommendation: That the Committee receive and file this report.

Prepared by: Susan L. Trammell, Minneapolis Ethics Officer
Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Approved by: 
Susan Segal
City Attorney

Presenters in Committee: Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Report:

Minneapolis Code of Ethics, § 15.40(b)(4), requires that the Ethics Officer report to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee the projects, if any, that create a professional conflict of interest for the City's proposed lobbyists. Section 15.40(b)(4) defines professional conflict of interest as "a situation where the interest of a principal of the lobbyist are or may be adverse to the interests of the city."

The Intergovernmental Relations Department (IGR) has informed the Ethics Officer of the intention to enter into a federal lobbying contract for the 112th Congress with Lockridge, Grindahl and Nauen, PPLP (Lockridge). Lockridge supplied a list of principals for whom Lockridge firm is expected to provide lobbying services. For each principal, a list of expected lobbying projects was provided and is attached to this report.

Both IGR and the Ethics Officer reviewed the lists of principals and lobbying issues for professional conflict of interest. At this time we find no situations where the interests of the City may be adverse to those of the current principals of the proposed City lobbyists. We believe, however, that a number of the principals listed, particularly other governmental entities with economic development projects, have the potential to transform into situations in which their interests are adverse to the interests of the City.

Lockridge's lobbying services contract and the Code of Ethics, § 15.40(b)(4) requires Lockridge to update their list of principals and lobbying issues whenever there is a change. IGR will continue to monitor the potential for conflicts through the length of Lockridge's contract.

City of Minneapolis Lobbyist Disclosure

Minneapolis Code of Ordinance, Chapter 15 Ethics in Government, Article 1 Trust 15.40 adopted March 2003

Instructions

The City of Minneapolis Ethics Code requires that lobbyists (other than employees of the City) who lobby on behalf of the City disclose a complete list of the principals for whom they and other members of their business or firm act as lobbyists. The Ethics Code further requires that lobbyists disclose the projects about which they and their firm expect to lobby. This disclosure must be completed and filed with City Clerk prior to entering a contract to lobby on behalf of the City. The lobbyist must promptly update this report any time there is a change in the information required to be disclosed.

Please file the signed original of this disclosure form with the City Clerk at:

City Clerks / Elections
City Hall, Room 1B
350 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1318

Please file a copy of the completed disclosure form with the Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

Questions may be addressed to the City of Minneapolis Ethics Officer at (612) 673-3230

Lobbyist Information

Name of Lobbyist filing this disclosure: Dennis McGrann

Name of Lobbyist's employer or firm: Lockridge Grindal Nauen, PLLP

Address: 415 2nd ST NE, Suite 210 / Washington, DC 20002

Daytime Phone Number: (202) 544-9840

E-mail address: dmmcgrann@locklaw.com

Names of other registered lobbyists in the same business or firm:

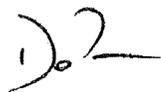
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Report of Principals and Associated Projects

List the names of all the principals represented by you or other lobbyists in your firm, along with the projects on which lobbying is expected to occur. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Certification

I, **Dennis McGrann** certify that the information in this form is complete, true and correct.



Signature of Lobbyist Filing this report

2/24/2012

Date

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	PRINCIPAL	PROJECT (S) ON WHICH LOBBYING IS EXPECTED	ADMIN ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
1.	Association of MN Counties	Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
2.	City of College Park, Georgia	Transportation, Aviation, Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
3.	City of International Falls	Economic Development, Transportation, Government Property, International Trade	x	x
4.	City of LeSueur	Transportation authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
5.	City of Minneapolis	Transportation authorizations, Appropriations, Aviation Issues	x	x
6.	City of St. Louis Park	Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy, Passenger Rail	x	x
7.	City of St. Michael	Economic Development, Transportation authorizations and appropriations	x	x
8.	City of St. Paul	Economic Development, Transportation authorizations and appropriations, Urban Area Security	x	x
9.	Counties Transit Improvement Board	Intercity urban transit issues, transportation authorizations, budget policy	x	x
10.	Dakota County	Healthcare, Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
11.	NLX (Duluth Rail Project)	Passenger rail, transportation authorizations, budget policy	x	x
12.	Gillette Children's Hospital	Health care authorizations and appropriations	x	x
13.	Goodhue County	County issues, Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
14.	Hennepin County	County issues, Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
15.	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Tribal issues, surface transportation, transit issues, tribal food access	x	x
16.	MN Association of Narcotics Investigators	Department of Justice grants, drug policy, budget policy	x	x
17.	MN Association of Small Cities	Rural development issues, US Department of Agriculture access	x	x
18.	MN Police and Peace Officers Association	Department of Justice grants, local law enforcement issues, interoperability / spectrum policy, budget policy	x	x
19.	MN State Mankato	Transportation reauthorizations, renewable energy policies and grants	x	
20.	National Coalition of Parent Centers	Education policy, education center appropriations	x	
21.	N.O.I.S.E	Aviation policy, airport noise, aviation research	x	x

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22.	Normandale Community College	Education issues, budget policy and appropriations	x	x
23.	Olmsted County	Passenger rail, transportation authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
24.	Police Officers Association of Michigan	Department of Justice grants, local law enforcement issues, interoperability / spectrum policy, budget policy	x	x
25.	Ramsey County	County issues, Authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
26.	Ramsey County Regional Rail	Passenger rail, surface transportation reauthorizations	x	x
27.	St. Louis County	County issues, transportation authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x
28.	Three Rivers Park District	Environmental infrastructure	x	x
29.	TTX	Surface transportation authorizations, budget policy	x	x
30.	University of St. Thomas	Higher education issues	x	x
31.	Washington County	Transit, transportation authorizations, Appropriations, and Budget Policy	x	x