

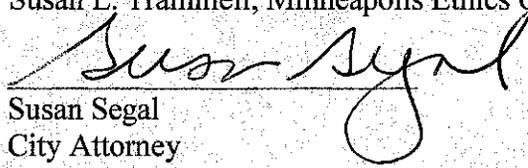


Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Attorney

Date: January 18, 2013
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

Approved by:


Susan Segal
City Attorney

Presenters in Committee: Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Report:

Minneapolis Code of Ethics, Section 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. The Ethics Ordinance, § 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 lobbying contracts for the 2013 Minnesota legislative sessions with Doug Franzen of Franzen and Moore, and Kevin Goodno and Melissa Rahn of Fredikson, Bryon, P.A.. The lobbyists supplied a list of principals for whom the lobbyist's firm was 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 found no situations where the interests of the City may be adverse to those of the current principals of the proposed City lobbyists. Each lobbyist entering a contract with the City for lobbying services is required by Code of Ethics, § 15.40(b)(4) 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 the lobbyists' contracts.

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2013 Anticipated Clients and Matters.
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Allstate/American Family Insurance/Property Casualty Insurers of America:
Automobile and Homeowners Insurance matters.

American Heart Association: Health Betterment issues such as "safe to school", anti-tobacco initiatives.

American Red Cross: Much of the same issues as the American Heart Association.

Association of Minnesota Counties: tax reform, health care for incarcerated persons, environmental matters, transportation. (At present time, we do not have an executed contract for 2013 with this client. We expect to have this contract prior to Jan. 1, 2013).

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota: Health Exchange, anti-tobacco initiatives, response to recent audit.

City of St. Louis Park: transportation, aid to cities, possible bonding.

Minneapolis Auto Auction: Body Shop and Sales Tax matters

Minneapolis Radiation Oncology: Moratorium on construction of new facilities

Minnesota State Auctioneers Association: monitoring legislation of interest to auctioneers.

Minnesota Lab License Coalition: Seek legislation to register/license laboratory professionals with State of Minnesota.

Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association: Snowmobile trail funding

Minnesota Wine and Spirits Group: Three tier distribution issues

North Metro Harness Association: Racino at Running Aces Harness Track

The Salvation Army: Human Services issues

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Cc: Trammell, Susan L.; Goodno, Kevin
Subject: RE: Conformance with City ethics Ordinance

Gene:

Below are our clients with issues.

Here is a list of the clients that our government relations group is under contract (or likely will be under contract) with and for which we are registered as lobbyists for the 2013 session:

AAA Minneapolis: Transportation Safety Issues
Alliance Pipeline Inc: Pipeline issues
American Coatings Association: Paint Stewardship issues
Apple Tree Dental: Dental Issues
Epilepsy Foundation of MN: Epilepsy issues
Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT): Children's Autism Services
Family Housing Fund of Minneapolis & St Paul: Affordable Housing and related issues impacting low income Minnesotans.
Geronimo Wind Energy: Wind Energy Policy
Gevo Inc: Alternative Fuel Development
Greater MN Housing Fund: Affordable Housing and related issues impacting low income Minnesotans
Mental Health Providers Assn of MN: Mental Health Issues especially concerning community services
Missouri River Energy Services: Utility Tax Issues
MN African American Museum and Cultural Center: Bonding Request for next phase of project.
MN Assn of Independent Schools: Issues impacting Private Schools in the K12 system
MN Chiropractic Assn : Chiropractic Issues
MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust: Insurance Issues
MN Habilitation Coalition: Issues related to day/employment services for people with disabilities
MN HomeCare Assn: Issues related to home health care providers
MN Optometric Assn: Optometric issues
MN Self Insurance Group Inc: Workers Compensation policy issues
Moorhead, City of: Border City Zone tax issues—specific to Moorhead and the border city program
Natl Multiple Sclerosis Society-Upper Midwest Chapter: Multiple Sclerosis issues
Perpich Center for Arts Education Foundation: Funding and governance issues within K12 system
REACH for Resources Inc: Advocacy for services for people with developmental disability at the state and local level.
Reproductive Health Alliance (fka MN SAFPLAN): Family planning issues
Springbrook Nature Center: Bonding request for nature center
Wal-Mart Stores Inc : General business issues and work on community siting of new stores.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

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