

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Intergovernmental Relations  
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**From:** Intergovernmental Relations Department  
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**Subject:**

Ethics Officer Report Pursuant to Minneapolis City Ordinance § 15.40(b)(4).

**Description:**

Receiving and filing the Ethics Officer Report related to conflict of interest review of lobbyist's principals and projects.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

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 a lobbying contracts for the 2016 Minnesota legislative session with Franzen Law & Policy Group, LLC and Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. Both firms 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 list 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 Franzen Law & Policy Group, LLC and Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. 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 contract.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. Fredrikson Lobbying Service Clients 2016
2. Franzen Lobbying Service Clients 2016

