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May 7, 2008 Meeting

CLERK OF THE BOARD  
ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** April 28, 2008

**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County

**FROM:** Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director



**SUBJECT:** Isenberg/O'Haren Government Relations Agreement

**SUMMARY:**

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County has utilized the services of Phil Isenberg, former Assemblymember and legislative leader, to provide consultation, strategic advice, and legislative advocacy services in Sacramento since 2001. Mr. Isenberg is the principal representative of Isenberg/O'Haren Government Relations. Commission approval is recommended to continue the government relations services provided by Isenberg/O'Haren for an additional year.

The performance of Mr. Isenberg and his partner Maureen O'Haren on Commission matters continues to be exemplary. The upcoming fiscal year is expected to be volatile in regards to the state budget, the potential impact to Proposition 10 funds, and the unpredictability of the Governor and state legislature to resolve the budget crisis. The experience and reputation of both Mr. Isenberg and Ms. O'Haren with the members of the legislature are a benefit to the Commission and the continued services they provide.

A new contract with Isenberg/O'Haren Government Relations is recommended for an additional year for legislative advocacy services, with no change to the terms, conditions and budget. The firm's retainer is \$5,000 per month when the legislature is not in session, \$8,000 per month when the legislature is in session, and approved expenses. The contract provides a 30-day termination without cause.

**STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

This program has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with all goal areas. The funding request is for \$94,000 for the term beginning July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Funding for this item is included in the FY2008-2009 Budget in the Professional and Technical Services category.

**PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

1. June 2007, June 2006, May 2005 – Approved agreement with Isenberg/O'Haren
2. June 2004 – Approved extension of Agreement with Miller, Owen, and Trost
3. May 2003, July 2002 - Approved amended agreement with Hyde, Miller, Owen, and Trost

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt resolution directing the Executive Director, or designee, to prepare and negotiate Agreement C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren in the amount of \$94,000 for consultation, strategic advice, and advocacy representation services from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution authorizing agreement with Isenberg/O'Haren

**Contact:** Kelly Pijl

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_-08-C&FC**

**May 7, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE  
AGREEMENT NO. C-255 WITH ISENBERG/O'HAREN; AND  
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the "Act") implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County ("Commission"); and

**WHEREAS**, Commission adopted its Strategic Plan to define how funds authorized under the Act and allocated to the Commission should best be used to meet the critical needs of Orange County's children prenatal to five years of age as codified in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director and Commission Counsel have prepared a standard Master Agreement for Consultant/Professional Services ("Master Agreement"), which was approved by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee to prepare and enter into Agreement No. C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren in an amount not to exceed \$94,000 for the term July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to provide legislative advocacy services as specified in the May 7, 2008 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission has reviewed the staff report relating to the Scope of Services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Agreement is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1** Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

**Section 2** Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Agreement C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren, in an amount not to exceed \$94,000 for the term July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to provide legislative advocacy services consistent with the May 7, 2008 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

**Section 3** The form of Agreement C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren shall be substantially similar to the form of the standard Master Agreement, subject to minor, non-substantive revisions as reviewed and approved by the Executive Director or designee. The approval by the Executive Director of the Agreement C-255 shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Amendment by the Commission Chair to the Commission Clerk.

**Section 4** Commission hereby approves the Agreement No. C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren to provide legislative advocacy services as specified in the May 7, 2008 staff report for this Agenda Item.

**Section 5** The Commission Chair and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, Agreement C-255 on behalf of the Commission.

**Section 6** A copy of the final Agreement C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren, when executed by the Commission Chair, or Executive Director, and attested by the Clerk of the Commission shall be appended hereto as a part of Exhibit A to this Resolution. Exhibit A is hereby fully incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference and made a part hereof. The final executed Amendment shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

**Section 7** In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director (or his designee) is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Service Agreement, (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such agreement, and (iv) during the term thereof to provide waivers, administrative interpretations, and minor modifications of the provisions of such agreement in the furtherance thereof.

**Section 8** The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on May 7, 2008 to wit:

AYES: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
  )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE    )

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chair of the Commission and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and seal.

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DARLENE J. BLOOM  
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of  
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION**

(Attach copy of final executed Agreement No. C-255 with Isenberg/O'Haren)