



## Legislation Text

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Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Engagement with Squire Patton Boggs to extend an existing contract for national advocacy and policy services, for a term through June 2021 and for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

WHEREAS, the firm Squire Patton Boggs has provided the City of South San Francisco ("City") with national advocacy and policy services since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into agreements with the Washington, D.C. firm with the purpose of engaging a federal government relations advocate to assist the City on pending and future federal issues; and

WHEREAS, Squire Patton Boggs has provided technical assistance and advocacy as the City developed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) relative to sea level rise; the City's sea level rise project is approved by USACE and included in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA); and

WHEREAS, regularly provided staff with notice of federal grant funding opportunities with key deadlines and summaries; and

WHEREAS, Federal advocacy for local government financial assistance related to COVID-19 including real time information relating to all federal stimulus packages and potential relief for local governments; and

WHEREAS, Squire Patton Boggs continues to advocate on Sea Level Rise work including advocacy with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, these services would continue to benefit the City, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis and the accompanying need for the City to obtain funding and related assistance; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing an Engagement Letter, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, with Squire Patton Boggs to extend the 2017 contract through June 2021, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000 for the 2020-2021 extension.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of South San Francisco that the City Council hereby take the following actions:

1. Approves the proposed Engagement Letter with Squire Patton Boggs, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, to extend the existing contractual agreement through June 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 during the 2020-2021 extension.

2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute the Engagement Letter in Exhibit A with Squire Patton Boggs, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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