

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA ADVOCACY, LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, professional services contracts provide flexibility and enhance the capacity of the City's Departments to deliver projects expeditiously and cost effectively, in areas where the City lacks capacity; and

WHEREAS, California Advocacy, LLC is a professional governmental relations company with a client roster that includes the City of Alhambra, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, the International Longshore & Warehouse Union and the University of California Los Angeles Latino Politics and Policy Institute, and California Advocacy, LLC represents clients before the legislature, regulatory agencies, and the executive branch by combining legislative, regulatory, local government and public relations; and

WHEREAS, California Advocacy, LLC also represents the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce is in need of professional governmental relations and legislative representation related to the City's interest including gaming, reopening of the California cardrooms, which is crucial for the City's fiscal health; and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends approving a Professional Services Agreement with California Advocacy, LLC to perform professional governmental relations and legislative representation in an amount not to exceed \$34,200 for the period of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Commerce and California Advocacy, LLC to perform professional governmental relations and legislative representation, from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$34,200.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement for and on behalf of the City, subject to final and technical revisions as required and approved by the City Attorney.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2020.

Ivan Altamirano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, City Clerk