

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2017-242-WG, FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTHERN STRATEGY GROUP OF MIAMI, LLC; FURTHER, SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN STRATEGY GROUP OF MIAMI, LLC, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUTLEDGE ECENIA, P.A.; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT UPON CONCLUSION OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017 the Commission voted to terminate the agreement with Corcoran & Associates, Inc. for convenience; and

WHEREAS, at the April 26, 2017 Commission meeting, staff was directed to issue a new RFQ to retain a new state legislative consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2017, the Commission approved the issuance of RFQ 2017-242-WG for State Legislative consulting Services; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017, (RFQ) No. 2017-242-WG for State Legislative Consulting Services was issued; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2017, the City received proposals from Rutledge Ecenia, P.A.; Colodny Fass P.L.L.C.; and Southern Strategy Group of Miami, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee appointed by the City Manager, pursuant to LTC No. 453-2017, convened on October 6, 2017, to consider the responsive proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee was provided an overview of the project, information relative to the City's Cone of Silence Ordinance and the Government Sunshine Law, general information on the scope of services and a copy of each proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee was instructed to score and rank each proposal pursuant to the evaluation criteria established in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the qualifications of each firm, and having considered the Evaluation Committee's comments and rankings, the City Manager recommends that the Administration be authorized to enter into negotiations with Southern Strategy Group of Miami, LLC; and if unsuccessful in negotiating an

agreement with Southern Strategy Group of Miami, LLC, that the Administration be authorized to enter into negotiations with Rutledge Ecenia, P.A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission accept the recommendation of the City Manager, pursuant to Request for Qualifications No. 2017-242-WG, for State Legislative Consulting Services; authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with Southern Strategy Group of Miami, LLC; further, should the Administration not be successful in negotiating an agreement with Southern Strategy Group of Miami, LLC, authorize the Administration to enter into negotiations with Rutledge Ecenia, P.A.; and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement upon conclusion of successful negotiations by the Administration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2017.

ATTEST:

RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

PHILIP LEVINE, MAYOR

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APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney *RAT* Date *10-23-17*