

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
5:15 P.M.**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street
Hartford

Commissioners

Avedisian	Holloway
Buell	Ionno
DiBella (Ex Officio)	Magnan
Gardow	Marotta (VC)
Hoffman	Taylor

Quorum: 5

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2017**
 - 4. CONSIDERATION OF AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**
 - 5. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - 6. ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government

January 8, 2018

Over the past several years, the firms of Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District. Based upon their collective past performance, and to maintain the necessary level of continuity within the District's legislative and administrative lobbying activities, District staff recommends the reappointment of Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and the new appointment of DCB Strategies, LLC to represent the District during the 2018 legislative session of the State general assembly, and to provide additional services in the area of government relations as may be necessary during the one year term of their respective contract. The term of these appointments would be from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends that the annual fees for Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC remain \$25,000.00; Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. remain at \$40,000 and DCB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000, for a total of \$110,000.00. Payments would be prorated over a 12-month period, commencing January 2018.

It is therefore recommended that it be:

Voted: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the firms of Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci, Capitol Strategies Group, LLC and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. and DCB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2018 and terminating on December 31, 2018. Doyle, D'Amore & Balducci and Capitol Strategies Group, LLC fees will remain at \$25,000.00 each; Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will remain at \$40,000, and DCB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000, for a total of \$110,000.00, to be prorated over a twelve-month period, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,


Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer