DATE: January 24, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: City Manager’s Office

SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval Authorizing the Mayor to Immediately Sign California Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization) with Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC for the 2023-2024 Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members take the following actions:

1. Provide a retroactive approval authorizing the Mayor to immediately sign the California Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization) for the 2023-2024 State of California Legislative Session, effective December 31, 2022; and

2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign all future California Form 602 Lobbying Firm Activity Authorizations upon request and without further Council Action.

BACKGROUND:
Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC has served as the State lobbyist for the City of Inglewood (City) for over twenty (20) years. Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC provides governmental advocacy and public relations services, and the City continues to receive assistance on a variety of legislative priorities, grant opportunities, and special projects. As required every two (2) years by the California Fair Political Practices Commission, Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC has requested that the City sign and return the California Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization) (Attachment No. 2), which authorizes Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC to continue to engage in lobbying activities on behalf of the City of Inglewood.

DISCUSSION:
On December 6, 2022, the Office of the Mayor received a communication from Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC, requesting that the Mayor sign California Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization) and have it returned before the effective date of December 31, 2022. With the City functioning as a Lobbyist Employer (CA Government Code Section 82039.5), Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC is required to submit a signed form to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) before the start of each legislative session. Until the document is signed and filed with the FPPC, Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC, is prevented from providing lobbying services on the City’s behalf.

Upon the City Council’s authorization to provide a retroactive approval for the Mayor to immediately sign California Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization) for the State of California 2023-2024 Legislative Session and adoption of the attached Resolution, the City can continue to receive lobbying services from Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC.
Mayor and Council Members
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FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:
There is no funding requirement for this item.

DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment No. 1: Resolution
Attachment No. 2: California Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization)

PREPARED BY:
Claudette Matthews, Senior Administrative Analyst

COUNCIL PRESENTER:
Claudette Matthews. Senior Administrative Analyst
APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: [Signature]
Artie Fields, City Manager
ATTACHMENT NO. 1
RESOLUTION NO._

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CALIFORNIA FORM 602 ("LOBBYING FIRM ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION") AUTHORIZING ELLISON WILSON ADVOCACY, LLC TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF A LOBBYING FIRM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Inglewood sometimes requires professional services for assistance in governmental and public affairs; and

WHEREAS, these duties can be considered lobbying; and

WHEREAS, the California Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") requires that a Form 602 (Lobbying Firm Activity Authorization) must be completed and verified by each person who employs or contracts with a lobbying firm; and

WHEREAS, Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC engages in lobbying activities on behalf of the City of Inglewood; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Inglewood wishes to continue authorizing Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC to engage in lobbying activities on behalf of the City of Inglewood.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Recitals above are found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to sign California Form 602 which authorizes Ellison Wilson Advocacy, LLC to engage in the activities of a lobbying firm on behalf of the City of Inglewood.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to sign all future Form 602 documents upon request and without further Council Action.
Section 4. City staff is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of this Resolution and to take all steps reasonably necessary, proper and/or convenient and/or incidental thereto.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and the same shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _______ day of _______
2023.

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James T. Butts, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aisha L. Thompson, City Clerk
ATTACHMENT NO. 2
Lobbying Firm
Activity Authorization
(Government Code Section 85104)

Check one box, if applicable
☑ Lobbyist Employer
(Gov. Code Section 82039.5)
☐ Lobbying Coalition
(FPPC Regulation 18616.4)

Type or Print in Ink

NAME OF FILER:

CITY OF INGLEWOOD

BUSINESS ADDRESS: (Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
ONE MANCHESTER BOULEVARD INGLEWOOD CA 90301-1750

MAILING ADDRESS: (If different than above.)

I hereby authorize ELLISON WILSON ADVOCACY LLC
(Name of Lobbying Firm)

1201 K Street, Suite 1201, Sacramento, CA 95814
(Business Address)

to engage in the activities of a lobbying firm (as defined in California Government Code Section 82038.5 and 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18238.5) on behalf of the above named employer.

If you are authorizing another lobbying firm to lobby on behalf of your firm’s client(s), provide the name(s) of the client(s) below. (It is not necessary to complete the Nature and Interests section.)

NAME OF SUBCONTRACTED CLIENT:

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VERIFICATION

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this Statement. I have reviewed this Statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein is true and complete.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on ______________ DATE ____________________

By ______________ SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

Name of Responsible Officer __________________________ PRINT OR TYPE

Title __________________________

FPPC Form 602 (7/98)
For Technical Assistance: 916/322-5660
Lobbying Firm
Activity Authorization

NAME OF FILER:
CITY OF INGLEWOOD

Nature and Interests of Lobbyist Employer

Check one box only:

☐ INDIVIDUAL (Complete only Parts A and E)
☐ BUSINESS ENTITY (Complete only Parts B and E)
☐ INDUSTRY, TRADE OR PROFESSIONAL ASSN. (Complete only Parts C and E)
☒ OTHER (e.g., lobbying coalition) (Complete only Parts D and E)

A. Individual
1. Name and address of employer (or principal place of business if self-employed):

B. Business Entity
Description of business activity in which engaged:

C. Industry, Trade or Professional Association
1. Description of industry, trade or profession represented:

2. Specific description of any portion or faction of the industry, trade, or profession which the association exclusively or primarily represents:

3. Number of members in association (check appropriate box)
☐ 50 OR LESS (provide names of all members on an attachment.)
☒ MORE THAN 50

D. Other
1. Statement of nature and purposes:

CITY GOVERNMENT

2. Description of any trade, profession, or other group with a common economic interest which is principally represented or from which membership or financial support is principally derived:

CITY GOVERNMENT

E. Industry Group Classification

Check one box which most accurately describes the industry group which you represent. See instructions on reverse.

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ LEGAL ☐ BUSINESS (Check one of the following sub-categories.)
☐ EDUCATION ☐ PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ☐ ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION ☐ OIL AND GAS
☒ GOVERNMENT ☐ POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS ☐ FINANCE/INSURANCE ☐ PROFESSIONAL/TRADE
☐ HEALTH ☐ UTILITIES ☐ LODGING/RESTAURANTS ☐ REAL ESTATE
☐ LABOR UNIONS ☐ OTHER: ☐ MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION

For Technical Assistance: 916/922-5660