



Board of Directors Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2021 **ITEM NUMBER:** 8E

SUBJECT: **Vote on Whether or Not to Use of a Legislative Lobbyist**

DATE: December 10, 2021

FROM: Michele Richards, CEO

PRESENTATION BY: Michele Richards, CEO

RECOMMENDATION

At the Board of Directors' discretion.

BACKGROUND

Prior to 2021, the 32nd DAA retained a lobbyist firm – Gonsalves & Sons – to represent the District on legislative issues and keep the staff and the Board apprised of pending legislation that could affect the District and/or the fair industry. The monthly fee for this service was \$5,000.

Use of the lobbyist firm ended in December 2020 due to the need to cut costs going into the 2021 budget, and the decreased need for representation.

The Board will discuss whether or not to use a legislative lobbyist.