Jackson County, Missouri

Request for Legislative Action

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 05/13/2024 **SPONSOR:** Manuel Abarca IV

To be completed by the County Counselor's Office:

NUMBER: 21634 **ASSIGNED MEETING DATE:** 05/20/2024

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DEPARTMENT: County Legislature

TITLE: A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of Blair's Law and greater local gun control for Jackson County.

SUMMARY:

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an eleven month contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (JacksonCounty) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,
WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit theCounty, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to support "Blair's Law" Missouri Senate Bill 343 which establishes that a person who commits the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm within or into municipal limits that such person shall be guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor for the first offense, a Class E Felony for the second offense, and a Class D Felony for any third or subsequent offenses;and,
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to advocate for common sense gun reform that allows for greater local control mechanism to reduce gun violence and protect survivors and victims of domestic abuse; and,
WHEREAS, the Legislature expresses the intent to develop a plan regarding lobbyist priorities to include advocating to the Missouri General Assembly for greater local control for Counties to make more restrictive and responsive policies in regarding to gun violence and gun laws; now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of greater local control in regard to gun violence and safety.

Previous Resolution: 21552

FINANCIAL IMPACT: **NO** ☐ **YES** ☐

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

ACTION NEEDED: COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

ATTACHMENT(S):