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Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

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City Council Meeting

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COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Oppose Item 35, CC meeting 12-17-2018 Dear Council: I oppose the approval of item 35, "Approve for introduction Ordinance No. 4169, Amending Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 3.03 Relating to Professional Services Contracts." This proposal seems to be an unwise action to backtrack on transparency, and open the checkbook for the City Attorney to engage in speculative lawsuits. The reasoning for the proposal seems weak, as most City litigation does not involve unique legal strategies that should be hidden from opponents. Hiding legal contracts from public view would go directly against the City's goal and Councilmembers' promises to improve transparency. Increasing the RFP exemption to \$100,000 contracts or smaller is an open invitation to waste and frivolous litigation. The city attorney's office has already enjoyed steady budget increases over the past three years, to more than \$3 million in fiscal year 16/17. Huntington Beach taxpayers should not be funding ever-increasing litigation based on novel legal theories that are outside the normal scope of municipal cases. I urge a NO vote on this item. Sincerely, Dan Jamieson Huntington Beach

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 12-17-18

Agenda Item No.: 35 (18-617)