

**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**AUGUST 17, 2021 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
UNITED CITIES OF SARPY COUNTY — LOBBYING AGREEMENT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	BRENDA S. GUNN CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared to jointly authorize a lobbying agreement with Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates L.L.C. for lobbying services on behalf of the United Cities of Sarpy County along with the cities of Bellevue, Gretna, La Vista, Papillion, and Springfield.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost for La Vista's participation will be:

- FY22 — \$9,903.00
- FY23 — \$10,200.00
- FY24 — \$10,506.20
- FY25 — \$10,821.40
- FY26 — \$11,146.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND**

As a participant in the United Cities of Sarpy County, the City's approved budget includes funding for a lobbyist. Our collaboration with the other cities has been successful as it has allowed us to pursue issues of common interest and stay informed during the session regarding any emerging initiatives or issues that could impact our municipalities.

The Mayors of the United Cities have determined that much of the success has been related to our lobbyist and as a result, they are recommending a new five-year contract with Joe Kohout from Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates L.L.C. to continue to represent the cities. The contract for year one is \$49,515, which is a 3% increase from FY21. The proposal also includes subsequent increases of 3% for years two, three, four, and five of the agreement.

The need to be informed and proactive on legislative issues remains a priority of the Mayor and Council and is included in the City's Strategic Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LOBBYING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED CITIES OF SARPY COUNTY AND KISSEL, KOHOUT, ES ASSOCIATES L.L.C. FOR LOBBYING SERVICES BEFORE THE NEBRASKA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, the cities of Bellevue, Gretna, La Vista, Papillion and Springfield (UNITED CITIES OF SARPY COUNTY) desire to promote the common legislative interest of the five cities which make up the "United Cities of Sarpy County" and

WHEREAS, the cities have agreed that it is in their best interest to hire a joint lobbyist to lobby the Nebraska legislative and executive branches with regard to Nebraska legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have identified the need for a lobbyist as a strategic initiative and did appropriate funds in the FY21/FY22 biennial municipal budget for the hiring of a lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, the mayors of the United Cities of Sarpy County have recommended Joe Kohout with Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates L.L.C. to continue serve as their joint lobbyist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a lobbying agreement between the United Cities of Sarpy County and Kissel, Kohout, ES Associates L.L.C. for lobbying services before the Nebraska State Legislature and Governor.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk