



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Discussion/Action to Approve Legal Services Contract with the law firm of Valls & Marroquin, LLP

SUBMITTED BY: Juan Cruz **OF:** UISD Attorney

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: August 22, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees take action regarding the approval of the Legal Services Contract with the law firm of Valls & Marroquin, LLP

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

STATE OF TEXAS

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KNOW ALL MENBY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF WEBB

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THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL (herein referred to as "District"), acting through its Board of Trustees, and the law firm of VALLS & MARROQUIN, LLP (hereinafter referred to as "LAW FIRM"), a registered limited liability partnership of which each attorney is duly licensed to practice law in the State of Texas.

I.

The DISTRICT retains the LAW FIRM to provide legal services and representation to the DISTRICT limited to and in connection with all general legal matters and real estate matters. The DISTRICT agrees to pay the LAW FIRM a fee of \$280.00 per hour for attorneys with 20 years or more experience; \$250.00 per hour for attorneys with 5 to 10 years experience; and \$190.00 per hour for attorneys up to 5 years experience in consideration for such legal services. These fees are valid for one year and are subject to review and change at annual intervals.

II.

The LAW FIRM'S employment by the DISTRICT is strictly on an at-will basis and both parties may elect to terminate this contractual relationship at any time.

III.

The DISTRICT agrees to reimburse LAW FIRM for the following out-of-pocket expenses:

- a. Copying;
- b. Postage and overnight mail; and
- c. Other unusual expenses presently unforeseen but authorized in advance by the District.

III.

The State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct committed by Texas attorneys. Although not every complaint against or dispute with a lawyer involves

professional misconduct, the State Bar's Office of General Counsel will provide you with information about how to file a complaint. For more information call toll-free 1-800-932-1900. This contract shall be construed and controlled by Texas law.

WITNESS OUR HANDS at Laredo, Webb County, Texas, on this, the _____, day of August, 2018.

UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
**ALIZA FLORES OLIVEROS, PRESIDENT BOARD
OF TRUSTEES**

By: _____
**JUAN ROBERTO RAMIREZ, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

VALLS & MARROQUIN, LLP

By: _____
KENNETH A. VALLS