

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the selection of Frederick H. Pickel, Ph.D., to serve as the Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability (OPA).

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE that the OPA's Citizens Committee for the Selection of the Executive Director appointment of Dr. Frederick H. Pickel to serve one five-year term as the Executive Director of the OPA is APPROVED and CONFIRMED.

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed.

Background Check: Complete.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY:

At its regular meeting held on December 4, 2018, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered an OPA report dated November 15, 2018, relative to the selection of Frederick H. Pickel, Ph.D., to serve as the Executive Director of the OPA for a five-year term.

The OPA's Citizen Committee for the Selection of the Executive Director reports that Charter Amendment I was approved by the voters on March 8, 2011 and is codified in Section 683 of the City Charter. The Charter Amendment established the OPA to provide public independent analysis of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) actions associated with water and electricity rates and operations. The Charter Amendment requires the OPA to maintain a Ratepayer Advocate function. The OPA is to be headed by an Executive Director who is selected by a Citizens' Committee and confirmed by the Mayor and City Council. The Charter Amendment provides that the Executive Director shall be appointed to a five-year term and conduct a variety of Charter-listed duties related to the operation of the OPA. These duties primarily consist of conducting analyses of water and power rates and operations and communicating the results of such analyses to policy makers and the public.

During discussion of the item, members of the OPA's Citizen Committee for the Selection of the Executive Director appeared in front of the Committee and answered a number of questions relative to the selection process and evaluation criteria in selecting the best candidate for the Executive Director position. The Committee also heard from the candidate, Frederick H. Pickel, who answered all questions in a thorough and detailed manner. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the OPA report dated November 15, 2018, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	NO
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO	YES
O'FARRELL	YES

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