ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Operating Agreement with CEVA Freight, LLC.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is administratively exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. APPROVE the POLA Resolution No. 18-8397 and Third Amendment to POLA FTZ Operating Agreement No. 18-2722-C with CEVA Freight, LLC, for the use of 305,400 square feet of office and warehouse space at 19600 South Western Avenue, Torrance, for a term of five-years with three, five-year renewal options, and for an annual fee of \$7,750.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The proposed Third Amendment of POLA's Operating Agreement allows CEVA Freight, LLC, to continue operating and managing its FTZ office and warehouse facilities. CEVA Freight, LLC, will pay the POLA an annual fee of \$7,750 per year for the five-year term of the agreement. Funds will be deposited in the Harbor Revenue Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 1, 2019

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 29, 2019)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated January 15, 2019, the CAO states POLA requests authority to execute the Third Amendment to FTZ Operating Agreement with CEVA Freight, LLC, to continue operating its warehouse and office facilities. CEVA is an international freight forwarder and logistics services provider. CEVA provides general warehousing and distribution facilities to receive, store, re-label, and manage inventory and distribute consumer products, accessories, and other merchandise for sale in domestic and international markets.

On December 18, 2018, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved POLA's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held February 5, 2019, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the Third Amendment for POLA's FTZ Operating agreement with CEVA, as recommended by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
BUSCAINO: YES
BONIN: YES
KREKORIAN: YES

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