### File No. <u>14-1229-S4</u>

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the exemption of one Superintendent of Building (Class Code 9201) position for the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the exemption of one Superintendent of Building (Class Code 9201) position for the DBS from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: None submitted by the Mayor. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 5, 2019

# (LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 5, 2019)

#### Summary:

On January 16, 2019, your Committee considered a January 8, 2019 communication from the Mayor relative to the exemption of one Superintendent of Building (Class Code 9201) position for the DBS from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, the DBS has requested that the Mayor approve the exemption of one position of Deputy Superintendent of Building, Class Code 9201, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions. On December 5, 2018 the Mayor asked the Personnel Department to review the DBS's request.

The Deputy Superintendent of Building position was previously approved for exemption under 1001 (b) by the City Council and was subsequently filled. Charter Section 1001(b)(1) requires that, "When the position is vacated, the exemption shall terminate unless re-authorized in accordance with this subsection." The Deputy Superintendent of Building position was vacated on November 11, 2018 and has been deleted from the count. Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 141 are approved. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001 (b)(4), of which 14 are filled. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of January 8, 2019, this request will be in the 142nd position of the 150 exemptions.

This position is funded and included in the department budget. The Deputy Superintendent of Building position will be the Chief of the Permit and Engineering Bureau (PEB), which is comprised of over 330 employees (including engineers, supervisors, managers and support staff) responsible for the plan check review and permit issuance for municipal and privately owned properties in the City of Los Angeles. The PEB Chief will report directly to the General Manager and Executive Officer, and be responsible for managing, planning, coordinating and directing through subordinate managers, technical and administrative activities of the PEB for the

plan check review (over 76,000 per year) and permit issuance (over 177,000 per year) for construction projects that include new buildings, additions, remodels, or repair of single family dwellings, duplexes, apartments, industrial, commercial office buildings, etc. The PEB Chief will also be responsible for preparing the Bureau's operational budget, a variety of statistical reports and recommending bureau policies and solutions to problems. After consideration, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the exemption as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE KORETZ: YES SMITH: YES PRICE: YES

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