



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

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**NEW HALL AND EVENT CENTER**  
**SECOND AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT**

**SUMMARY**

On October 14, 2014, Council approved a contract amendment with entities related to Anschutz Entertainment Group (collectively referred to as AEG) which provided a six month extension on the Implementation Agreement (IA) for the development of the New Hall and Event Center project (Farmers Field project). At this time, a second amendment is recommended to better reflect the City's intent to conduct a public comment process concerning design criteria for the Los Angeles Convention Center alternative design.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the City Council, with approval of the Mayor, authorize the Mayor and the Councilmember of the Ninth District, on behalf of the City, to execute the second amendment to the Implementation Agreement (IA) (Attachment A) for the New Hall and Event Center project clarifying the Los Angeles Convention Center design process.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this action will have no impact on the General Fund. This report is in compliance with the City's Financial Policies.

**EVENT CENTER AND NEW HALL PROJECT**

On October 14, 2014, Council approved a contract amendment with entities related to Anschutz Entertainment Group (collectively referred to as AEG) which provided a six month extension on the Implementation Agreement (IA) for the development of the New Hall and Event Center project (Farmers Field project). That contract amendment also included a design process for an alternative development scenario for the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) should the development scenario approved under the IA fail to materialize (LACC Design Process).

The LACC Design Process was structured in such way to ensure that key stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in crafting of alternative development scenarios. As a lessee of the City property adjoining LACC (STAPLES Center), AEG was identified as an important City partner

at the LACC campus who should be consulted with regard to the alternative development scenarios and the IA amendment included a participatory role for AEG.

Before initiating the next phase of the LACC Design Process, however, staff determined that the language in the adopted amendment limits the participation of other stakeholders. The intent had been to seek and welcome public input from all stakeholders with respect to the alternative development scenarios, rather than to invite one key stakeholder to participate in the process. The attached amendment removes reference to AEG in connection with the LACC Design Process and allows greater participation by all stakeholders.

The LACC Design Process will proceed, with a public comment period in January 2015 that will allow any interested party to comment on the City's proposed design criteria for the LACC. Interested parties will be able to provide written comment to the Bureau of Engineering or provide comments at a public hearing. The CLA and CAO, with assistance from the President of the Board of Los Angeles Convention & Tourism Development Commissioners or his appointee and the City Engineer, shall then prepare and submit design criteria to the three architectural firms who have been selected to participate in the competition for the LACC alternative design. These are the same participants previously considered and approved by Council.