

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the exemption of one Senior Project Coordinator (Class Code 1538) position for the Emergency Management Department (EMD) from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the exemption of one Senior Project Coordinator (Class Code 1538) for the EMD from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 6, 2018, your Committee considered a November 30, 2018 EMD report relative to the exemption of one Senior Project Coordinator (Class Code 1538) position for the EMD from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4). According to the EMD, on March 8, 2018, the Board of Civil Service Commissioners approved the Civil Service exemption of one grant-funded Senior Project Coordinator position in the EMD. This approval is for a two-year period. and the Commission's approval of this position exemption is in accordance with Charter Section 1001 (d)(4). The Senior Project Coordinator position is a resolution position authority that is funded through federal grant funds awarded to the Los Angeles County Public Health Department (LACPHD). The EMD has entered into a contract with the LACPHD, which will provide the City with the grant funds needed to hire the Senior Project Coordinator position that will be responsible for the projects related to this grant. Specifically, the grant funds are designated to "upgrade local jurisdictional preparedness efforts in order to respond to acts of bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health threats and emergencies." Also, the position will function as a liaison between the County of Los Angeles and the City and provide assistance with the planning and coordination of services needed when responding to a public health emergency.

The City of Los Angeles has had the benefit of having a full-time public health focused position, funded by LACDPH since 2007. This position provides support to the City and County on projects and programs to ensure that public health preparedness is incorporated into the planning and delivery of emergency services utilizing both City and County resources. The Senior Project Coordinator position is assigned to the EMD Planning Division and is responsible for serving as a subject matter expert on Public Health in emergencies. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the exemption for the EMD 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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