

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to waiving any potential conflict with respect to Gordon and Rees, Scully Mansukhani LLP's representation of Travelers Insurance Company and Colonial Yacht Anchorage.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the Port Resolution No. 18-8270 waiving any potential conflict that might arise by way of Gordon and Rees, Scully Mansukhani, LLP's representation of Travelers Insurance Company in its attempt to intervene and defend Wilmington Marine Services (a defunct corporation) in City of Los Angeles v. Wilmington Marine Services (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC559959), and that it may continue to defend Colonial Yacht Anchorage in City of Los Angeles v. Colonial Yacht Anchorage (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC559960); and, authorizing the City Attorney's office to execute a written conflict waiver.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated April 30, 2018, the Board of Harbor Commissioners recommends approval of a waiver of conflict of interest for the law firm Gordon and Rees, Scully Mansukhani, LLP. The firm requested a conflict waiver so that they may represent Travelers Insurance Company in its attempt to intervene and defend Wilmington Marine Services (a defunct corporation) in City of Los Angeles v. Wilmington Marine Services and that it may continue to defend Colonial Yacht Anchorage in City of Los Angeles v. Colonial Yacht Anchorage. Both cases seek to recover the cost of investigating and remediating contamination caused by years of boat repair activity. Gordon and Rees, Scully Mansukhani has represented the Port of Los Angeles in employment litigation in the recent past and in two current cases.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved this matter at its meeting held Thursday, April 19, 2018.

At its meeting held June 5, 2018, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the conflict waiver, as recommended by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

BONIN: YES

KREKORIAN: ABSENT

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