



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

Subject: EXEMPTION REQUEST – DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS, (1) DEPUTY
GENERAL MANAGER AIRPORTS I

Date: July 30, 2019

On June 24, 2019, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requested that the Mayor approve the exemption of one (1) Deputy General Manager Airports I, Class Code 0162, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services. On July 11, 2019 our office asked Personnel Department to review LAWA's request.

The Deputy General Manager Airports 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 General Manager Airports incumbent will vacate the position on July 29, 2019.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 145 are approved. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of the date of this letter, this request will be in the 148th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 12 are filled.

The functional title of this Deputy General Manager Airports I position will be Deputy Executive Director, Planning Development Deputy Program Manager. The position will lead the planning and design functions to bridge airports planning and construction teams for LAWA's extensive multi-billion dollar capital program. Duties will include program management of highly complex airside, landside and terminal modernization improvements; providing recommendations for new improvement and initiatives; supervising multi-disciplinary professional staff; and assisting in developing strategies



and guidelines for LAWA's long-term development plans, including phasing and sequencing of capital projects.

The Deputy General Manager Airports I position requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in urban planning, engineering, architecture, construction management, or a closely-related field; and five years of full-time paid management-level experience in major airport or airline facility planning work, including five years of experience in managing planning and design functions and contract negotiations.

The exemption of this position will allow LAWA the flexibility to recruit and select the best qualified candidate who possesses the necessary experience and expertise for the position. The duties and requirements as described are appropriate to the class of Deputy General Manager Airports I.

Based on my review of LAWA's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of Deputy General Manager Airports I and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001(b)(1). If the exempt position is not filled within six months, the Mayor's approval for the department to fill the position may expire.

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