



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

Subject: RE-EXEMPTION REQUEST – LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS, (1)
ASSISTANT AIRPORT POLICE CHIEF

Date: January 30, 2020

On December 20, 2019, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requested the exemption of one (1) position of Assistant Airport Police Chief, Class Code 3234, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions. On January 3, 2020, my office asked the Personnel Department to review LAWA's request.

The Assistant Airport Police Chief 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 position was vacated on December 21, 2019 and deleted from the count.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 143 are approved. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of the date of this letter, this request will be in the 144th 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 11 are filled.

The Assistant Airport Police Chief position will direct LAWA's Airport Police patrol, traffic, security, and investigative services and support emergency operations provided to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and the Van Nuys Airport (VNY). This position will work closely with the Airport Police Chief to develop appropriate policies, procedures, and staffing levels at LAX and VNY; will be responsible for directing the development of

comprehensive security plans and coordinating emergency planning activities with outside agencies to ensure unified command during critical incidents at LAX and VNY; act on behalf of the Airport Police Chief during extended absences; and appear before the City Council, the Board of Airport Commissioners, and industry leaders to discuss safety concerns.

The Assistant Airport Police Chief position requires two years of full time paid experience as an Airport Police Captain or as a commanding officer managing the internal inspection process, patrol, traffic safety, or security activities and operations of a law enforcement agency. Some positions may require experience or background in Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT), Homeland Security, terrorism and counterterrorism; or the possession of a certificate of completion of a Peace Officer Standard and Training (POST)-certified Management Course within 12 months of appointment.

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 Assistant Airport Police Chief.

Based on my review of LAWA's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the re-exemption of the Assistant Airport Police Chief position 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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