




ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor 

Subject: Exemption of Two Utility Rates and Policy Specialist II Positions for the Office of Public Accountability

Date: March 22, 2013

The Office of Public Accountability (OPA) has requested approval of the exemption of two (2) Utility Rates and Policy Specialist II positions, pursuant to Charter Section 1001 (b), for the employment of persons "to provide management services or render professional, scientific or expert services of an exceptional character."

The Utility Rates and Policy Specialists will advise the Executive Director on policy, strategy, management, operations, and legislative mandates related to water and power utility issues. Additional responsibilities include analyzing rate and service impacts on ratepayers; identifying "best practices" for incorporation in the City's utility policies, practices, and procedures; developing and implementing a communications program for the publication and distribution of OPA reports and presentations; and reporting to the Mayor, Council and other City officials on water and power utility related issues.

Exempting the positions will provide the Office of Public Accountability with the flexibility to recruit from a broader pool of candidates who possess the experience and technical expertise needed for these critical positions. Based on my review of the OPA's request, as well as the review of the City's Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of two (2) Utility Rates and Policy Specialist II positions and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001 (b) (1).

ARV:me

cc: Fred Pickel, Executive Director, Office of Public Accountability
Gaye Williams, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
Mandy Morales, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the Mayor
Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel Department