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December 3, 2019

Honorable Members of the
City Council of the
City of Los Angeles

CD No. 15

Attention: Mr. John White, City Clerk's Office

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 19-9527 – PROPOSED WAIVER FOR THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT FOR BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND'S REPRESENTATION OF NUSTAR ENERGY

Pursuant to the City Charter, enclosed for your approval is Resolution No. 19-9527 authorizing approval of a proposed conflict of interest waiver for the law firm Beveridge & Diamond, to represent NuStar Energy in its proposal to repair and make improvements to its leased wharf at the Port of Los Angeles and that it may continue to represent the City of Los Angeles in connection with issues related to biosolids and related litigation; which was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on September 5, 2019. There is no impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. APPROVE Harbor Department Resolution No. 19-9527 authorizing approval of a proposed conflict of interest waiver for the law firm Beveridge & Diamond's representation of NuStar Energy; and
3. Return to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for further processing.

Respectfully Submitted,


AMBER M. KLESGES
Commission Secretary

cc: Trade, Travel & Tourism Committee
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