

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the amending the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) contract with Nossaman, LLP.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) that the proposed action is administratively exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the Fourth Amendment to LAWA Contract DA-5190 with Nossaman, LLP, to extend the term through May 3, 2022, for legal services for property acquisitions related to the Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP).
3. CONCUR with the action taken by the BOAC on April 22, 2021, by Resolution No. 27242, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, LAWA, to execute the Fourth Amendment to Contract DA-5190 with Nossaman, LLP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BOAC reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – JUNE 30, 2021**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – JUNE 26, 2021)**

**SUMMARY**

In a report to BOAC dated April 22, 2021, LAWA requests authority to amend its contract with Nossaman, LLP. The proposed extension will allow the law firm of Nossaman, LLP, to continue providing LAWA with LAMP related legal services for property acquisitions. According to LAWA, Nossaman's acquisition work involves assisting LAWA and the City Attorney with property acquisitions and ongoing pre-condemnation work, such as securing resolutions of necessity, initiating litigation, and obtaining timely prejudgment possession of parcels. In the next year, LAWA anticipates needing legal assistance to acquire various temporary and permanent easements and other property interests necessary for the construction of roadway improvements as part of the LAMP project. Also, Nossaman supports three eminent domain cases in litigation. Nossaman will be assisting with pre-trial discovery, including expert witness depositions, aiding in settlement negotiations, and preparation for trial if necessary.

On April 22, 2021, BOAC approved the proposed contract amendment requested by LAWA.

At its meeting held June 8, 2021, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the proposed contract amendment, as recommended by BOAC.

MEMBER    VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

BONIN:        YES

LEE:            YES

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Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

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