

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) agreement with Status Not Quo, Inc.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Harbor Commissioners 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 Port Resolution No. 20-9684 for the First Amendment to POLA Agreement 20-3542-A with Status Not Quo, Inc., to assign the agreement to Faye Business Systems Group, Inc., to extend the term by two years through December 22, 2022, and to increase the amount by \$400,000 from \$900,000 to a new total amount not-to-exceed \$1,300,000, for as-needed website design and development, mobile design and development, hosting, and related support services for all POLA websites.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The First Amendment to the POLA agreement with Status Not Quo, Inc., is for the assignment of the agreement to Faye Business Systems Group, Inc., and for the continuance of website support for two additional years at an increased contract limit of \$400,000, for a total term of five years and cost not to exceed \$1,300,000. The POLA has budgeted \$177,917 in the Harbor Revenue Fund for costs under the agreement in Fiscal Year 2021. Funding required for subsequent years is subject to appropriation of funds through the POLA annual budget process.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – JANUARY 19, 2021

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – JANUARY 19, 2021)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated October 8, 2020, the CAO states POLA requests approval of the First Amendment to the contract with Status Not Quo, Inc., to assign the agreement to Faye Business Systems Group, Inc., and to continue providing website support for POLA for two additional years, with a contract limit increase of \$400,000, for a total term of five years and cost not to exceed \$1,300,000. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain in effect according to the CAO.

The CAO reports that Status Not Quo provides as-needed website support to augment the work of POLA staff, including website and mobile design and development, hosting, and related support services for all Department-branded websites, domains of which include portoflosangeles.org, lawaterfront.org, latradeconnect.org, laporthistory.org, and lafleetweek.com. Status Not Quo has also developed a redesign of all POLA-branded websites in 2018.

The CAO goes on to report that on July 1, 2020, Status Not Quo was acquired by Faye Business Systems Group, Inc., a global technology company headquartered in Woodland Hills, California. Nearly all Status Not Quo employees were hired by Faye, including the project manager assigned to POLA, resulting in no disruption in the services provided. The proposed amendment assigns the agreement to Faye to reflect the acquisition. The proposed amendment also continues the agreement for an additional two years, through December 22, 2022, and increases the overall contract limit, as discussed above.

On August 6, 2020, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved POLA's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held December 1, 2020, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the proposed amendment of the POLA agreement with Status Not Quo, Inc., as recommended by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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