

ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Third Amendment to the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) contract with Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer, and Francis, 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 Third Amendment to LAWA Contract DA-5250 with Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer, and Francis, LLP, to extend the term through October 22, 2021, to assist LAWA and the City Attorney with real estate legal services.
3. CONCUR with the action taken by the BOAC on October 15, 2020, by Resolution No. 27122 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, LAWA, to execute the Third Amendment to Contract DA-5250 with Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer, and Francis LLP.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – MARCH 15, 2021

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 5, 2021)

SUMMARY

In a report to BOAC dated October 15, 2020, LAWA requests approval of the Third Amendment to its contract with Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer, and Francis, LLP, to extend the term through October 22, 2021. The contractor provides real estate legal services to LAWA and the City Attorney. According to LAWA, it has been standard practice to have two law firms under contract to assist with such matters in the event that a conflict of interest arises with one of the firms. Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer, and Francis has represented LAWA in legal matters related to the Consolidated Rental Car Facility, Manchester Square-related matters, leases for non-LAWA tenants at the LAWA- owned Skyview Office complex, assistance with leases with tenants at Van Nuys Airport, and ongoing advice regarding other matters.

LAWA goes on to report that there is insufficient in-house legal staff for this function. The City Attorney is in the process of issuing a Request for Proposals for real estate legal services, including litigation. On October 15, 2020, BOAC approved the proposed Third Amendment to the LAWA contract with Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer and Francis.

At its meeting held January 26, 2021, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the proposed contract amendment, as recommended by BOAC.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

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MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

BONIN: YES

LEE: YES

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