

PERSONNEL AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the exemption of one Process Safety Engineer (PSE; Class Code 7962) position for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the exemption of one PSE (Class Code 7962) position for the LAFD from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Mayor. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT ITEM – MAY 13, 2025

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MAY 13, 2025)

Summary:

On May 9, 2025, your Committee considered an April 18, 2025 communication from the Mayor relative to the exemption of one PSE (Class Code 7962) position for the LAFD from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 133 are approved, and an additional two are pending approval. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of April 18, 2025, this request will be in the 134th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 20 are filled.

The position of PSE will be responsible for the review, audit, and inspection of risk management and safety plans; audits inspections, and regulated stationary sources to ensure compliance with the California Accidental Release Program (CalARP) Program; reviews regulations; develops policies, protocols, and office standard operating procedures to assist in the implementation of the CalARP Program. With a specific focus on petroleum refineries, the Process Safety Engineer will develop and evaluate the chemical release prevention program; review criteria and quantitative standards and guidelines regarding CalARP ensuring implementation consistent with federal, state, and local laws and regulations; serve as the technical advisor regarding highly hazardous materials management; participate in community alert and notification; and performs other related duties. The PSE will receive general direction from the Risk Management Prevention Program (RMPP) Manager assisting with the planning, organization, administration, development and implementation of the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) and any other environmental programs managed under the CUPA section. After

consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the exemption. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel and Hiring Committee

COUNCILMEMBER:	VOTE:
McOSKER:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
HUTT:	YES

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