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February 12, 2024

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

CD No. 15

Attention: Mr. Andrew Suh, City Clerk's Office

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 23-10288: FIRST AMENDMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 21-9795 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND BELLWETHER FINANCIAL GROUP

Pursuant to Section 373 of the City Charter and Section 10.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; enclosed for your approval is Resolution No. 23-10288 for the proposed First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement No. 21-9795 (Agreement) with Bellwether Financial Group (Bellwether) to reimburse the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) 100% of staff and consultant costs associated with the preparation of project documents for an environmental evaluation to develop and occupy Berth 44 and associated premises (Site), with the exception of costs related to assessment of contaminated soil and/or water impacts and historical resources. The proposed First Amendment would extend the duration of the existing Agreement by two years, from three years currently to five years, as proposed. No other modifications are proposed. Bellwether will continue to be financially responsible for the costs associated with the preparation of the project document. 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) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines and;
2. APPROVE POLA Resolution No. 23-10288 for the for the proposed First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement No. 21-9795 with Bellwether Financial Group to reimburse the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department 100% of staff and consultant costs associated with the preparation of project documents for an environmental evaluation to develop and occupy Berth 44 and associated premises, with the exception of costs related to assessment of contaminated soil and/or water impacts and historical resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

AMBER M. KLESGES
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