

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to amending the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) agreement with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson PLC, for professional legal services for environmental matters.

**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. 17-8174 authorizing the First Amendment for Agreement No. 17-3308-A with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson PLC, extending the term of the agreement for three years through February 28, 2021, and increasing the contract amount by \$1,400,000, for professional legal services for environmental matters.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approving Port Resolution No. 17-8174 for the proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 17-3308-A with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson PLC, extends the contract term from three to six years, to February 2021, and increases compensation by \$1,400,000 for a total amount of \$3,040,000. In addition, the POLA requests approve of an internal budgetary transfer of funds in the amount of \$523,677 from the Department's Unappropriated Balance account to the Adopted Operating Budget's Cost Center Account No. 0120, pursuant to Charter Section 343, entitled Departments Controlling Their Own Funds, and Executive Director No. 4. Funding for the agreement will be dispersed over its six-year contract term.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 6, 2018**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 6, 2018)**

**SUMMARY**

In a report to the Mayor dated December 27, 2017, the CAO states that POLA requests authority to execute the proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 15-3308 with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson PLC, to extend the contract term for three years and to increase the amount by \$1,400,000. POLA states that the proposed amendment is necessary for Meyers Nave to continue their ongoing legal services and related litigation support services for environmental legal matters within the POLA. Nave Meyer has demonstrated legal expertise and relevant experience in document preparation advice and a successful record in trial and appellate litigation in CEQA, NEPA, and related environmental analysis and law matters. According to POLA, Nave Meyer provides expert and practical legal advice and experience on matters related to and with tenants of the POLA terminals and shipping projects, such as China Shipping, TraPac and Yusen Terminals. On October 6, 2017, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved POLA's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held January 16, 2018, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended

that Council approve the proposed amendment with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson PLC,  
as recommended by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

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